

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 22, 2011

At 6:30 p.m., Chair Carol Lisbon called the meeting to order with members James P. Dawley, Jr. and Joseph M. Melican present. Also present were David W. Ramsay, Town Administrator, and Greer Pugatch, Assistant Town Administrator.

ATTENDANCE: Peter McGowan, Chief of Police; Officer Charles Marscher & family; Dave Chaisson & Robert Clouse, Patrol Officers

PRESS: Matthew Cuoto, D-S Press

Police Chief McGowan re: Appointment of Police Officer

Mrs. Lisbon welcomed Police Chief Peter McGowan to this evening's meeting to discuss the appointment of a permanent, full-time police officer.

Chief McGowan reminded the Board that the Dover Police Department was unable to hire a Northeastern University co-op student at this time to fill the overnight dispatch position as there were no candidates who met Dover's needs. Anticipating Detective Sergeant Jeff Farrell's mandatory retirement in February 2012, the Chief had previously spoken to the Selectmen about hiring Sgt. Farrell's replacement in January. The alternatives would be the turmoil of re-bidding all of the shifts, or incurring a great deal of overtime. The Chief stated that he would be able to obtain a police academy waiver which would allow the new officer to start in Dover before attending the academy.

The Chief recommended Officer Charles Marscher, who has been with the Dover Police Department since January of 2009 working as a Special Police Officer, and who has fit in well with the Department. Officer Marscher is currently working as a police officer with Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

Mrs. Lisbon asked about a delay in academy training enrollment for Officer Marscher. The Chief said that he would need to put in a letter for exemption due to staffing levels and scheduling difficulties, and hopefully be able to enroll him for the summer or fall academy.

Mr. Dawley made a motion to accept Officer Charles “Chuck” Marscher as a full-time police officer in the Town of Dover, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Approve Selectmen’s FY13 Operating Budget: #541

There was some discussion regarding additional costs for four new programs and events to be conducted in Fiscal Year 2013, and new/additional services that have been offered by the COA since the employees’ hours were increased for same 2 years ago. The Board recognized the wonderful job the Council on Aging does with the older portion of the senior population.

Mr. Dawley made a motion to accept Budget No. **541 Council on Aging** in the amount of \$117,745 contingent upon double checking the salary amounts, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Presentation of the Boston Post Cane:

Mr. Melican gave a short history of the Boston Post Cane, which began in 1909, when the Boston Post Newspaper gave canes to approximately 300 towns to award to the oldest male citizens. The canes were passed on. In the 1930’s it was decided that both male and female citizens would be eligible to receive the cane. The Dover Cane was found in an antique shop recently, and was brought back to the town. Last year, presentations of the Boston Post Cane resumed. There have been three presentations. The oldest resident in town is presented with a certificate which pronounces them to be the oldest living resident of the Town of Dover. The actual cane is on display at the Library, along with a plaque which states the names of recipients of the Cane.

Mr. Melican moved to provide the certificate for the Boston Post Cane to Eleanor Baker, as the oldest citizen of the Town of Dover as of today, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

Other Business:
Surplus Equipment

The Board considered a request for disposal of a list of equipment declared to be surplus by the Emergency Management Committee. The items are of World War II vintage.

Mr. Dawley made a motion to accept the list of surplus equipment, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Special Licenses (2)

Two special license requests for the Connors Center on January 8th and January 10th were presented for approval.

Mr. Dawley made a motion to accept the special licenses for January 8 and 10, 2012, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Approve November 10 & December 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Two sets of meeting minutes were presented for approval by the Board.

Mr. Dawley made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 10, 2011, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mr. Dawley made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 8, 2011, seconded by Mr. Melican; it was unanimously voted.

Mrs. Lisbon wished everyone Happy Holidays, and a Happy Healthy 2012 on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Selectmen's Office.

Adjournment

At 7:34 p.m., Mr. Melican moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dawley; it was unanimously voted.

DOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James P. Dawley, Jr., Clerk