

POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING----Thursday, July 23, 2015 6PM

Meeting convened directly after the special Select Board meeting. Present were Chief Dumas, Captain Washburn, Don Chioffi, and Joe Dicton. Rutland Herald (Dan Colton) was present by way of recording device.

There was a very comprehensive discussion of the Outside Detail Service Agreement, and the ramifications of implementation in two different modes----Independent Contractor, and Town Police Officer. At times in the discussion, the recorder was placed on hold and times indicated when we were discussing confidential Attorney /Client privileged advice and recommendation.

After much more discussion it was decided to modify the draft agreement so that the officers will, in fact, have employee status rather than independent contractor, but that we would specify rates, exclusions, and parameters of such service. Based on the full discussion and unanimous decision of the committee and the department leaders, we are presenting to the full board a final draft of the contract agreement that we recommend the board adopt. We are forwarding that agreement by electronic transmission so that all members may consider it part of their packet for the regular meeting on the 28th.

Captain Washburn gave a recap of progress on the COPS GRANT (SRO) and reported that it is still in process and that the administrators of the grant have asked twice for additional information. He (Washburn) indicates that this is a positive sign that our grant is receiving positive scrutiny and he expects approval.

Chief Dumas indicated his desire to have Major Sly conduct wiring training for the Captain so that they are both capable of complete vehicle wiring for law enforcement. Major sly is one of the most competent wiring experts in this field through training and self improvement as well as experience. The Chief's intention is to transition pretty quickly to having all our wiring on any new or replacement vehicle done in-house. There will be a considerable savings to the Town with this transition.

The committee recommended, and the Chief concurred, that he will submit a 5 year plan and a preliminary budget by November.

Lastly, the committee discussed implementing a formalized procedure for recognition of meritorious service, with public presentation of awards or citations. The committee recommended the Chief, within budget, procure some award material and inform the committee when he has occasion to make a presentation.

The committee adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Donald J. Chioffi