

Town of Sandisfield

Select Board

Minutes for Select Board meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2023 at 3:00PM at the Town Hall, 66 Sandisfield Road, Sandisfield, MA

Members present: Steve Seddon, John Field, Robert Fedell, Jonathan Sylbert

Participants: Michael Morrison, Eric Pachulski, Robert Platt, Willard Platt, Jeff & Melissa Bye

1. Call to order: Note that the meeting is being recorded

2. Discuss GPS/Camera Policy in Police Vehicles

Police Chief, Michael Morrison provided a few examples of GPS/camera policies for the Select Board to consider adopting. All of the examples come from the Massachusetts Police Association. Michael raises concern that the cameras currently installed in the Police cruisers do not adhere to the MPA guidelines, as the cameras should be able to be turned on and off at the Officer's discretion and should not run 24/7. Additionally, Officers should not be required to go through a third party to access the playback video.

John Field agrees that the wrong GPS/Camera equipment has been purchased for the cruisers. Michael notes that if the correct equipment was purchased it would work collectively with body cameras and other similar equipment. He reports there are grants for these types of projects the Town can apply for. Steve Seddon supports disabling the cameras, but allow the GPS to operate as normal.

3. Discuss Fire Chief Vacancy

Steve announces that Ralph Morrison has resigned as Fire Chief. Jonathan has been working with the Collins Center on an EMS study, Steve suggests Jonathan reach out to them for some insight on filling the position. Michael and Eric Pachulski will be point people on the Fire Department to assist in finding a replacement.

4. Discuss DPW Superintendent Vacancy

Steve announces Brad Curry has submitted his resignation as DPW Superintendent as of November 24, 2023. Brad is editing the current job description and will draft an advertisement for the position. Tony Soares applied for and has been promoted to Foreman. MassDOT of Lenox has filled in if necessary for plowing in the past, Jonathan has reached out and is waiting to hear back to determine if this is an option for Sandisfield.

Robert Fedell notes that it was insinuated Brad was leaving Sandisfield because greater benefits are available elsewhere. Jonathan reports that Sandisfield is the last Town in the Berkshires, potentially the state, not to offer a percentage of health insurance after

retirement. This would be a considerable expense to the Town, but can be adopted at Town Meeting.

5. Review and vote to approve minutes of meetings

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve minutes of meetings 10/24, 10/30, 11/13 & 11/13 executive session

Steve Seddon	Aye
John Field	Aye
Robert Fedell	Aye

6. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:27pm

Steve Seddon

John Field

Robert Fedell