

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 15, 2022*

ATTENDANCE: Chair Ed Watson and Selectmen Kathleen Kastrinelis, Jason Naves, Bill O'Neil, Daniel MacDonald

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Rebecca Oldham, Town Administrator

At 6:35pm, Chairman Watson opened the meeting.

He stated in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A §21(a)2, the Board will now convene in executive session to discuss strategy in preparations for negotiations with the Fire Chief.

Selectman O'Neil moved the motion, seconded by Selectman Naves, and it was unanimously approved with a roll call vote.

Chairman Watson referred to the current contract for Chief Valentine and the proposed contract.

Selectman O'Neil asked about the EMT certification status.

Ms. Oldham stated there may have been some misunderstanding with the temporary certification. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services stated they do not have him listed as a certified EMT. He understood he received temporary certification by having a valid license under the Baker-Polito Administration Emergency Order but he would have had to send in an application for Temporary Certification. Which was not done.

Selectwoman Kastrinelis wanted to verify the Chief received his Bachelor's degree as required.

Ms. Oldham stated he has just completed the Collin's Center 2022 Chief Fire Officer Program and is looking into the Northshore Fire Protection & Safety Tech program. He thought the Chief Fire Officer Program would be equivalent to a bachelor's degree and there is documentation from the Collin's Center explaining their position.

Selectman MacDonald stated a certified transcript would be helpful. The Board agreed.

Selectman O'Neil made a motion to ask for the additional materials to be submitted and for the strategy session to continue before bringing in the Chief for a discussion. Chairman Watson called for a roll call vote – all voted affirmatively.

Selectman O'Neil made a motion to adjourn at 7:24pm, seconded by Selectman Naves. The Chair called for a roll call vote and it was unanimously approved.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Oldham*