

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 1, 2018  
Groveland Town Hall  
183 Main St, Groveland, MA 01834

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Attendance: Chair Bill O'Neil, and Selectmen Bill Dunn, Ed Watson, and Michael Wood

Absent: Vice Chair Lisa Dube Carpenter

Also Present: Finance Director, Denise Dembkoski, Police Chief Jeffrey Gillen, and Paul Verruto, from Wayne Alarm Systems, Inc.

Chair O'Neil opened the executive session at 5:49 pm and made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21 (a) (4) for the purpose of discussing strategies with regards to security at Town and School facilities. (Votes may be taken)

Seconded by Selectman Wood and the Board approved entering executive session after a roll call vote. Watson – Yes, Dunn – Yes, Wood – Yes, and O'Neil – Yes

Chief Gillen introduced Paul Verruto from Wayne Alarm and discussed the need for increased security, specifically cameras, for the town hall, library, central fire station, police station. The Chief articulated reasons why he would like to see cameras added and identified some recent situations that would have benefited from security cameras. Currently, with the exception of the police station and Bagnall School, there is no security (cameras or alarms) in any building.

Selectman Watson would like to see a map with the cameras identified and articulated to the area that would be captured on camera.

Paul Verruto identified the areas of the buildings where the cameras are proposed to be and what equipment would be needed for the police station, fire station, town hall, and library.

The Board discussed options and the other buildings not covered in the estimated numbers, namely, south fire station and the highway department. The Board discussed also adding cameras to the Pines, or at a minimum, one camera at a high vantage point with a 4K camera to allow for zooming in and clarity.

The Chief stated he likes Selectman Watson's idea to provide maps and identify where each camera would go so the board could have a visual idea of the proposed set up.

Selectmen Dunn would like to leave this meeting with a consensus that the Board agrees and the Police Chief, Finance Director, and Wayne Alarm could meet and revise the specifications to add the new facilities and come up with an updated quote.

Selectman Watson is against the idea of taking cable access money for this purpose. He feels the cable rate payers should be the ones to benefit from those monies and not for other technology

purposes. He believes the town will receive less money from Comcast in future contracts and doesn't want to spend it on non-cable things.

Selectman Wood said he feels those funds should be used that there isn't a big benefit from not using those funds, so his vote is to use the cable money.

Ms. Dembkoski informed the Board that we receive approximately \$80,000 - \$100,000 a year from Comcast and there is currently just under \$200,000 in the account. In addition she stated that the current Comcast contract allows the funds in the cable account to be used for cable or any other technology related purposes. Town Counsel has reviewed that language and affirmed those funds are for all technology related items, not exclusively for cable.

Selectman Dunn said all people will benefit as it will make the buildings and employees more secure and believes the Board should take a vote to proceed with updated findings, then the board will meet to vote the funds.

Selectman Dunn made a motion to proceed with the camera system that has been proposed and accept and move forward with coming back with revised costs and expanded proposals to add south station, the highway garage, additional cameras at Bagnall school, and the Pines in addition to the proposed town hall, library, police, and central fire station. Seconded by Selectman Watson.

Roll call to approve motion, Watson – Yes, Dunn – Yes, Wood – Yes, and O'Neil – Yes

Selectman Wood made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:28pm. Selectman Dunn seconded and the motion passed on a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted by: Denise M. Dembkoski

\* Approved on October 29, 2018 with a vote of 3-0-1 with Selectwoman Carpenter abstaining \*