

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
WESTBROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2016
Mulvey Municipal Center
Multi-Media Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Bishop at 5:30 p.m. In attendance included: First Selectman Bishop, Selectman Hall, Selectwoman Labbadia, Lt. Arthur Goodale, Troop F, Sgt. John Meesham, Troop F, Trooper Wayne Buck, Resident State Trooper, Attorney Jiran, John Palermo, Gregg Prevost, Westbrook Ambulance, Mike Jenkins, Fire Chief, Carol Hess, Asst. Director of Finance, Andrew Urban, Director of Finance, John Riggio, Director of Public Works, Constable McKenna, Don Izzo, Director Emergency Management, Sonia Marino, Director of Health/Sanitarian, Ken Butterworth, Constable Puchillo, Constable Merrill, Constable McNamara, Bonnie Palermo, Chairman Police Advisory/Traffic Authority, Joe Poloski, Peter Krause, Fire Department, Dave Russell, Harbor Patrol.

Board of Finance Members Present

Paul Connelly, Chairman, Tony Cozza, Gary Gavigan, John Leake (arrived at 5:52), Rick Westbrook, George Pytlik.

DISCUSSION ON POLICING IN WESTBROOK, STAFFING AND RELATED MATTERS

Lt. Goodale and Sgt. Meesham, Troop F, provided a Powerpoint presentation on the Resident State Trooper Program and related matters pertaining to "policing" in Westbrook. Their Presentation is available in the Selectman's office.

Mr. Prevost, Westbrook Ambulance, reported on the important relationship between the Troopers, Constables, Ambulance Association and other Emergency Responders. Mr. Prevost recommended that the Town reduce the number of Troopers assigned to Westbrook to two and hire 4 full-time Constables.

Various scenarios for Constable/Trooper coverage were suggested and a recommendation was made to form a Committee to discuss "policing" in Westbrook and related matters.

It was recommended that at the BOF meeting (directly following this meeting) the BOF not make any changes to the proposed budget pending a report from the Policing Committee. Said Committee may take several weeks to formulate recommendations to the BOS.

The Selectmen took no action on this matter at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Suzanne Helchowski
Administrative Assistant

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First Selectman