

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016 – 6:15 PM

On February 11, 2016, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 6:15 PM at the Town Office Building in Lakeville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burke at 6:17 PM. Selectmen present were: Selectman Burke, Selectman Powderly and Selectman Hollenbeck. Also present were: Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator, and Christine Weston, Recording Secretary. No one was recording the meeting.

Request from Fire Chief to appoint Rafael Carvalho as Firefighter/Paramedic

Daniel Hopkins, Fire Chief and Lillian Drane, Town Clerk, were present for the discussion. Chairman Burke read the request of the Fire Chief and the conditions of the appointment. Chief Hopkins stated that once this appointment takes place, the Fire Department will have a full complement of ten (10) Firefighters.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Hollenbeck; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To appoint Rafael Carvalho as Firefighter/Paramedic, contingent upon the successful completion of a Physical Abilities Test and a one-year probationary period. Additionally, Firefighter Carvalho must also successfully complete the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy and certify at the level of Firefighter I/II. Unanimous in favor.

Selectman Powderly welcomed Mr. Carvalho on board. He stated that the Fire Department is a great Department. Mr. Carvalho thanked him for the opportunity to serve the Town.

New Business

Ms. Garbitt provided an update on the Water Tower. The Legislation was passed today. She does need to talk about the agreement with Jason Buffington from Taunton. Town Counsel will forward a copy of the agreement to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT) for their review.

Any other business that may properly come before the meeting

It was noted that the next Selectmen's Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 17th at the Freetown Council on Aging. Selectman Powderly asked if the Fire Chief will need to be in attendance due to the discussions taking place about a Ladder Truck for the Fire Department. Chairman Burke stated that the Selectmen can discuss the idea before meeting with the Chief. The Selectmen should act quickly in order to make sure that the Ladder Truck is not purchased by someone else. Selectman Powderly stated that he wants to make sure that it is understood that if the Ladder Truck is acquired for the Fire Department, it is not in place of their need for a Pumper Truck. Chairman Burke stated that if the Board Members have questions, they should present them to the Fire Chief. Selectman Hollenbeck stated that she was in agreement with the Board that this is an opportunity to act on. Chief Hopkins stated that there will be a visit made

to see the Ladder Truck. It is currently still in service, since the Town that owns it is waiting for their new Ladder Truck to arrive. Selectman Powderly noted that any agreement needs to be contingent on a mechanical inspection being done on the Ladder Truck where it presently is or scheduled as soon as it is brought to Lakeville. Whatever the costs of the inspection are, it will be money well spent. Chief Hopkins stated that if he needs to be present at the Selectmen's meeting in Freetown, he has no problem attending. Selectman Powderly again reiterated that a Pumper Truck is still the priority for the Fire Department. This Ladder Truck is not to be considered in-lieu-of a Pumper Truck for the Fire Department.

Adjournment

At 6:31 PM, upon a motion made by Selectman Hollenbeck; seconded by Selectman Powderly it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting.
Unanimous in favor.