



**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL, 85 MAIN STREET
PITTSFIELD, NH 03263**

MEETING MINUTES OF Saturday, June 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 7:30 p.m. by J.C. Allard, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

James C. Allard, Chairman
Gerard LeDuc, Vice-Chairman
Carole Richardson
Carl Anderson
Jim Adams

OTHERS PRESENT

Cara Hayes, Town Administrator

J.C. thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and apologized for the short notice. J.C. stated the only item on the agenda for this evening is to welcome the new Acting Police Chief Joe Collins. J.C. stated that this is the first step of rebuilding the department. He welcomed Acting Chief Collins and stated he believes he has his work cut out for him in the next 90 days.

J.C. inquired with Acting Chief Collins regarding receiving the contract and Acting Chief Collins confirmed he did. There was some discussion pertaining to the contract and they made some changes regarding removing the health insurance and putting in the dates.

Carl inquired with Acting Chief Collins regarding any questions or action he would need from the board this evening. Acting Chief Collins inquired about the pay schedule and Bonnie Theriault (in the audience) answered that question (biweekly payroll).

There was some discussion concerning on call and phone call situations and also the hours worked per week. They also discussed the MOU with the State Police and the current 20 hours that there is no coverage in town.

Acting Chief Collins inquired about the level of authority he has and the board would like to be informed but gave Acting Chief Collins the authority to make decisions. Acting Chief Collins also inquired about salary the town is offering new hires and there was discussion on how the budget was figured and some information about the current union contract.

Carole inquired about how Acting Chief Collins will be scheduling the new staff. Acting Chief Collins stated he has had staff meetings where they all discussed what shifts the officers would like and rotating them around is a good idea, as well.

Carl: I make a motion to hire Joe Collins for 90 days with the salary of \$15,000.00.

Carole: Second.

Discussion: None.
Motion carries 5-0

Carl: I make a motion to approve Acting Chief Collins to take the cruiser home.
Jim: Second.
Discussion: None.
Motion carries 5-0

J.C., Carole, and Acting Chief Collins signed the contract.

J.C. asked Erica Anthony administer the oath. The oath was performed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Steve Houten stated he appreciates and understands the challenges he is taking on here in Pittsfield, and expressed his concern about after the 90 days being a short period of time and the part time 32 hours he will be working. J.C. stated that the 90 days allows the board to conduct a search for a new chief, and explained he understands the concern with the 32 hours but stated there is also some benefits, as well. There was further discussion on how the board needs to move forward with looking for a chief and the different things they may look for in a new chief.

Carl: I make a motion to adjourn.
Jim: Second.
Discussion: None.
Motion carries 5-0

Approved:



James C. Allard, Chairman

14 June 2018

Date