

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S EMERGENCY MEETING

APRIL 11, 2014

Present: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Raymond Smith
Aboul B. Khan
William Manzi

1:00PM

Mr. Hess opened the meeting at 1:05PM and read the notice into the record and said the Board would come back into public session to issue a statement.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Motion passed

To go into non-public session at 1:05PM under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a) personnel.

Roll call:

Mr. Hess - yes
Mr. Smith - yes
Mr. Khan - yes

The Selectmen reconvened in public session at 1:30PM.

Mr. Manzi read the statement (see attached).

Mr. Manzi said it is an unfortunate incident and something they all wished had not happened and said the police department continues to strive to do good work for the town residents

It was stated the Town will continue to conduct an internal investigation. Once it is completed the Chief will give his recommendation. Municipal Resources has been retained to do the internal investigation.

Chief Bitomske spoke and said his goal is to get their own investigation completed before making any recommendation(s). He said it is unfortunate but things like this do happen and they are handling it. He said to him it is a disturbing video. He can't speak as to why the officers didn't report the incident until he sees the full report and does his own internal investigation.

Attorney Joe McKittrick spoke about Municipal Resources and the type of company it is. Mr. Manzi said the contract was agreed upon about 3 weeks ago but the investigation has not started.

Chief Bitomske said it is hard to say what could happen to the officers until the investigation is completed.

AngelJean asked if the police department is doing the internal investigation. Chief Bitomske said they felt it was in the best interest so there is no claim to corruption and they can get a complete investigation by MRI.

Mr. Manzi said the Board felt strongly that an outside company handles the investigation. The charge will be based on an hourly rate not to exceed \$5K.

Chief Bitomske said the scope will be to speak to everyone who was working that shift and where it leads he cannot say at this time.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To adjourn the meeting
Second: Aboul B. Khan at 1:55PM.
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:55PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____