

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S EMERGENCY MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2014

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

10:00AM

Mr. Khan opened the meeting at 1:10PM.

Mr. Khan explained that due to some issues at the Police Department the Selectmen called for an emergency non-public meeting but will come back into public session.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Motion passed

To go into non-public session at 1:11PM under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a) personnel.

Roll call:

Mr. Khan - yes
Mr. Hess - yes

The Selectmen reconvened in public session at 2:19PM.

Mr. Khan said they met in non-public to discuss the situation. He said Selectmen Smith is not present due to illness. Chief Bitomske and Deputy Chief Gallagher were also present for this meeting.

The Selectmen have directed the Town Manager to issue the following press release (see attached). The Town Manager read the release into the record.

There was a request for the police report. Mr. Manzi said those inquiries should now be directed to the Attorney General's office who have taken over the case.

Question was asked as to the response of the officers and if they felt their actions were justified. Chief Bitomske said he has not spoke with the officers other than to place them on leave. Deputy Chief Gallagher explained the internal investigation being done and what the process will be. He said the officers are entitled to due process rights.

Chief Bitomske said this is a major setback for the department but they do have good men and women in the department and they will get to the bottom of this issue.

Mr. Manzi said that he and the Selectmen do stand behind the Police Department and the men and women who work there do an outstanding job protecting the citizens.

Question on protocol for a police officer who witnessed the excessive force of another. Chief Bitomske said that he would hope the officer would bring it forward. Deputy Chief Gallagher said a lot of good questions are being brought forward today and they are hoping to get the answers to them.

Question asked on who the 4th officer was. Chief Bitomske commented it was Dave Hersey.

There was discussion on the excessive force being in the police report.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To adjourn the meeting
Second: Aboul B. Khan at 2:33PM.
Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 2:33PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Raymond Smith, Clerk

Date: _____