



EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, October 7, 2019

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Executive Session - 3:55 pm

Present: William Dowling, Chairman; Carole Julius, Vice Chairman; David Sheedy, Clerk; John Clifford, Town Council; Brian Noble, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Dowling announced the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session under G.L. 30A, § 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiation with respect to collective bargaining negotiations and Comcast negotiations; if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining & litigating position of the public body as the chair so declares and will return to open session.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to move into Executive Session, Ms. Julius seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dowling: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, All were in favor, 3-0

Town Administrator, Brian Noble one of the topics he would like to discuss is the Comcast contract that is up for renewal. He mentioned EBCTV would like 5% and \$200,000.00 because they believe this will be the last 10 year contract. Mr. Noble mentioned other Towns in the area asked for a lower rate as not to make the cost of Cable higher. Town Counsel, John Clifford mentioned an HD channel may benefit the community, also senior discount. The senior discount would be 10% on basic tier cable.

Mr. Clifford recommended the Town create a dedicated Cable revenue fund, so the money goes into the Towns revenue and then get paid out to Cable Access. He suggested holding some money back for long term needs; create a reserve, in case it goes away.

Mr. Clifford mentioned he'll be meeting with EBCTV to hear their needs. He stated EBCTV is supposed to put together an operational and capital budget because that's what will be presented in negotiations.

Mr. Noble stated he requested audited financial statements and proof of insurance from the EBCTV Board.

Mr. Noble stated the next topic of discussion was the collective bargaining discussions. He mentioned they are in the middle of negotiations with the DPW and just beginning the Police. Mr. Noble mentioned, the DPW would like a 2/2/2, and clean up on some language changes. Mr. Noble explained the impact on the financial aspect that the changes would have on the DPW Budget.

The Police collective bargaining discussions have begun. They would like to clean up the language on some items. Mr. Clifford mentioned sick leave buy back and getting the police out of civil service have been discussed. There was a discussion on the benefits on being pulled out of civil service.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to return to Open Session to adjourn from Executive Session at 4:25 pm, seconded by Carole Julius. All were in favor, 3-0

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dowling: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

  
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