



Town of Hopkinton, NH

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Nonpublic Session Minutes Board of Selectmen

Date: September 4, 2012 – Session I

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Chair
George Langwasser, Vice Chair
Bryan Pellerin
Denis Goddard

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Selectman Langwasser seconded by Selectman Pellerin.

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session: RSA 91-A:3, II (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, **unless** the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Jim O'Brien	Yes
	George Langwasser	Yes
	Bryan Pellerin	Yes
	Denis Goddard	Yes

Entered nonpublic session at 5:00 p.m.

Description of matters discussed and final decisions made: The Board discussed the tragic death of Fire Chief Richard Schafer. The Town Administrator reviewed the command structure that is in place presently. After some discussion about the importance of maintaining consistency the following motion was made:

Selectman Pellerin moved to appoint Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Yale as the Interim Fire Chief. Selectman Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Langwasser, Pellerin, Goddard and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

The Board will meet with Chief Yale tomorrow at 5:00.

Note: Under RSA 91-A:3, III. *Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person **other than a member of this board**, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.*

Motion made to seal these minutes: Motion made by Selectman Langwasser to seal the minutes for 30 days, seconded by Selectman Goddard

Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:	Jim O'Brien	Yes
	George Langwasser	Yes
	Bryan Pellerin	Yes
	Denis Goddard	Yes

Motion: PASSED

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by Selectman Langwasser, seconded by Selectman Goddard.

Motion: PASSED

Public session reconvened at 5:25 p.m.

These minutes recorded by: Neal A. Cass