

8 years and has been very pleased with the test. If we sought other candidates, the Chief stated that the same test should be used in that process. The Chief stated that the test is for a supervisory level based on police knowledge. James and John feel that since the process is more in-depth than just a test score, that 70 is an appropriate passing grade. James feels that the Chief has endorsed the test and that helps in James' decision. Testing will be done on May 18th in the Melville Room, proctored by Don Collins from the Personnel Committee.

A motion was made by Duane Mosier to establish the passing score for the sergeant's exam at 70, as recommended by Chief Farnsworth, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

The Chief noted that the new radio system is progressing well. The Police need a key for the house at the transfer station in the event the system goes down. There is one now at TWB, one at the transfer station, one due to go up on a pole on South Road once the pole petition is approved and after the South Road installation, they will do an analysis to determine where next to install. All associated costs will be paid for through a Homeland Security grant.

The Board discussed the issue of leasing police cruisers on a lease to buy plan. The Board agrees that they are not totally comfortable with a leasing situation, but given our current financial situation, it could be a way for the Town to acquire two new vehicles for the department and get them into the fleet immediately. The Chief stated that many municipalities are working with leases, rather than buying outright. James stated that once again, the Town would be deferring costs for a later date.

The Board reviewed the procedures for use of the Preliminary Breath Test unit. It is the last test in the field sobriety tests prior to the breathalyzer test. The Chief received funding through a grant. Duane Mosier made a motion to accept the policy and procedures as presented, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

8:00 pm Donald Dorn: Don Dorn from Riverside Drive came before the Board to discuss the flooding that occurs in his back yard after every significant rain storm. He contends that this has occurred since the installation of the septic system in his neighbor's yard. The Board has discussed this issue with Mr. Dorn before and has asked for him to pursue a remedy through the Conservation Commission. Duane will review his notes relative to the standing water on his property and get back to Mr. Dorn.

Ballot Questions for Town Election: A motion was made by Duane Mosier to remove the ballot questions from the town election ballot, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Board of Health Position: Christopher Thompson, Board of Health Coordinator will be leaving the position as of April 18th. It is with regret that the Board read his letter of resignation, but the Board wishes him well for the future. The Board will post for his replacement.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: The warrant was reviewed for a final signing.

Minutes of March 27, 2006: The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Duane Mosier to approve as corrected, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by John Flynn to change to composition of Capital Planning Committee to be comprised of the following make-up:

- 2 appointments from Selectmen
- 2 appointments from the Moderator
- 2 Advisory members
- 1 Selectman
- Accountant
- Treasurer

James will speak with Stan regarding the possible impact of a change on bargained units. The Board has discussed making some changes to the health plan options offered to town employees. There was a discussion about the impact on the budget. Duane Mosier recused himself from the discussion relative to health care options for town employees.

A motion was made by Duane Mosier to appoint Mark Barba as a member of the Emergency Management Committee, seconded by John Flynn. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

A motion was made by John Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm, and was seconded by Duane Mosier. VOTE: All in favor and so voted.

Respectfully submitted:

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