

2019 Town of Milford – Police Chief Search Committee

Minutes for August 13, 2019 Meeting @ Milford Senior Center

- Meeting called to order at approximately 7:00pm by Chairman DeBartolomeis.
- All Members of Committee in attendance:
 - Dino DeBartolomeis, James Heron, Dr. Richard Heller, Chris Fritts, Edward Bertorelli, Jodie Nosiglia, Chief Tom O'Loughlin, Scott Harrison, Donato Niro, Chris Morin, Donna Niro and David Brutsch.
 - Also at the table: Acting Chief Michael Pighetti
- Greeting by Chairman. Chairman recognized Chief O'Loughlin for a statement. Chief O'Loughlin stated that he disagreed with Town Counsel Boddy's opinion regarding Chief O'Loughlin's status on the committee. He said that Acting Chief Pighetti's status is not "valid" and that he feels that two of the Selectmen have manipulated the committee. He further stated that it is "illegal" to remove him from the committee and should he be removed, then he will bring a lawsuit against two members of the Board of Selectmen and Acting Chief Pighetti.
- Chairman references the letter provided by Town Counsel in which Acting Chief Pighetti is on the committee and Chief O'Loughlin is not.
- Chairman recognized Mr. Niro to speak. Mr. Niro stated that there "is not a Chief of Police" at the moment. He then quoted the Town By-Law on the Chief Search Committee as to who should be represented. He also stated that the Chairman does not have the authority to remove Chief O'Loughlin from the committee.
- Mr. Niro stated that he had been contacted by the Ethics Committee about allegations regarding the police department as it relates to promotions and appointments. Mr. Niro stated that two Selectmen have tried to "destabilize" the committee. Mr. Niro said that Town Counsel works for the Selectmen and that we should not accept his opinion. He felt that outside counsel should be used.
- Chairman advised that the committee will abide by the Town Counsel's opinion.
- Motion by Donna Niro to move forward with the agenda. Seconded by Jodie Nosiglia. 11 Members in favor. One opposed. Motion passed.

- Chairman asked for a review of minutes of previous meeting on June 11, 2019. Motion to accept the minutes by Scott Harrison and seconded by Dr. Heller. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. (Chris Morin abstained.)
- Chairman spoke about the proposals from three executive search firms that had been received. He proposed setting up interviews with the three firms to see which company could best serve the Committee and the Town. Chairman proposed Tuesday, August 27, 2019 as a date for the interviews. The process for interviews and evaluations of each firm was discussed. Mrs. Niro recommended hour long interview slots for each firm. Motion by Donato Niro to interview the three firms. Seconded by Ed Bertorelli. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chairman mentioned that prepared questions for the firms will be send to committee members ahead of time, but that outside and rebuttal questions will be permitted on the day of the interviews.
- There was no correspondence.
- Payment of Bills – one small bill had been paid by the Selectmen's office.
- Motion to adjourn by Dr. Heller, seconded by Jim Heron. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2019 @ 6:00PM AT THE MILFORD SENIOR CENTER.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Fritts