

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2012**

SPECIAL MEETING

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Members Present: David Gagnier (DG), Chair; Brian Jones (BJ), Vice-Chair; Roger Audet (RA); Mike Dubie (MD) and Roland Boivin (RB)
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Sydney Lipinski; John Rohleder

DG called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Fire Department Personnel Matters - DG explained that this meeting with the fire Chief was to follow up on a letter dated 04/16/2012 that was sent to Chief Webster regarding communication and personnel matters. Chief Webster commented that the letter seemed forward to him but he was willing to work with the board, although he had no recollection of any incident or time period where the small chip on the tanker windshield might have occurred. Chief Webster asked if the fire station could continue to be used for baby showers, village trustee meetings, etc. and Rodjenski responded that the Selectboard was considered a facility use policy on May 10. Chief Webster stated that prior communication between the Selectboard and fire department was poor and the Board stated that it hopes to improve that through the fire department liaison, Mike Dubie. Rodjenski stated that both the Selectboard and fire department personnel can work together to improve communication. DG offered that he has observed use of the fire station when no fire department activities were occurring and that activity is expected to stop, such as washing personal vehicles. Chief Webster invited Mike Dubie to stop by and MD advised that he would but he wouldn't be there to challenge the department's decisions or activities just to pass information along between the board and department. Chief Webster understood that was the purpose. DG advised the Chief that new policies being reviewed included the facility use policy and purchasing policy and the Board would be reviewing the fire department's bylaws which the Board should be doing for all departments from time to time. Motion by MD to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by RB. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
2. The Board came out of executive session. Ed Webster asked whether the Selectboard's request to extend suspensions would also be sent to North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Chief Aither and the DG stated that the same request would be mailed to Chief Aither.
3. No additional public comment was offered.
4. Motion by MD to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.