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SANBORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

March 10, 2017

Town Offices

The Board of Selectmen convened in regular session on Friday, March 10 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. In attendance were Selectman Karen Ober, Selectman John Olmstead and Selectman Katy North. Town Administrator, Katie Ambrose was also present.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Review of the Fire Department Regionalization Study Committee's (FDRSC) Final Report** - The Board was provided a copy of the FDRSC's final report including an addendum titled "How the current Sanbornton Fire & Rescue Department Operates Now". Selectman Ober stated she has reviewed the report and didn't understand the terminology "critical mass" in the fifth paragraph on page #1. Chief Dexter replied it means that there will be a critical need for the Town's infrastructure, where we will not be able to handle it and he agreed it was a little wordy. Selectman Ober explained to those in attendance how the FDRSC came about and noted they were tasked with this study. Chair Olmstead referred to page #3 of the study. Chief Dexter stated the bullet points are from the joint meetings they held and the language is from the minutes the other Town's meeting minutes. Selectman Ober referred to page number #2, the third bullet point and stated the Fire Chiefs may not be able to change anything but they can brainstorm regarding things like equipment i.e. a ladder truck being needed even if another community already has one. Chair Olmstead noted he would not want to make any decisions without the input of the Fire Chief. Selectman Ober stated the Chief was hired based on experience and what he could bring to the Town, he has built up a department that cooperates and communicates very well while bringing the needs of the Town to the Board. Selectman North added all Department Heads are hired for that same purpose, to bring those needs of the Town to the Selectmen, in order to function properly. The Board agreed after review of the report, they feel regionalization is a "dead" issue and gave kudos to the FDRSC for doing a very good job. Selectman Ober made a **motion** to accept the FDRSC's final report with a few grammatical changes. Chair Olmstead **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**. Selectman North stated regionalization is not an option for Sanbornton at this time. Selectman Ober added four Fire Districts would need to be created and two of the Towns said they were not interested, so the two others would be left hanging, plus additional personnel would be necessary. Selectman Ober made a **motion** to disband the FDRSC until they are needed in the future for additional research. Chair Olmstead **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**. TA Ambrose to send the final report to AA Jutton for posting on the Town's web-site.
3. **Town Meeting - Preparations** - The Board and TA Ambrose had a brief discussion on some of the preparations for Town Meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Olmstead made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m. Selectman Ober **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

5. **NEXT MEETING(S)** – The Board of Selectmen’s next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017** before Town Meeting at 7 p.m., to sign payroll & accounts payable registers only.

Respectfully submitted,
April Rollins, Administrative Specialist

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