

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium
109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present:

Barbara Anderson, Chairwoman
Audrey LaBrie, Vice-Chairwoman
Amy Salter
Austin Cyganiewicz
Michael Barbaro

Keith R. Hickey, Town Manager
Linda Daigle, Executive Assistant

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Memo from Town Manager regarding "Executive Session Discussion with the Board (attached)"
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Executive Session No. 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Anderson at 8:28 p.m.

Town Manager Keith Hickey updated the Board with the meeting he attended with Chairwoman Anderson and the Town of Templeton regarding shared Fire Department services. The thought and agreement would be to regionalize the entire department with Templeton or sharing a Fire Chief. We would apply for a Community Compact grant to conduct a study to regionalize the Fire Department completely or to share a Chief. He wanted to update the Board on the issue this evening and be clear on how he read them on this issue. The Community Compact application has been started and if the Board is okay with this he would finish the application and get it before them to review. He was looking this evening to get confirmation in moving forward in that direction. LaBrie said definitely, she would like to see the specifics.

There was discussion surrounding the Department Union. Mr. Hickey said the Town is unionized; Templeton is not. He has spoken with the Fire Chief who feels the union members will be very concerned about what this means to them both as a firefighter personally and fire services as a whole. Mr. Hickey believes this will improve fire services as a whole. In Templeton, they have a full time Fire Chief and that's it. If a call is placed to Templeton for aid, they have to wait for call services.

This also may be an opportunity to save us money on capital expenses. There are pros and cons to both. Community Compact will do an independent review and advise us.

LaBrie said she'd be more prone to sharing services if what we had now was not working.

Barbaro thought this may be an opportunity to upgrade equipment and services. The Board supported the study be conducted interested in learning more about this.

Barbaro moved to authorize the Town Manager apply for the Community Compact grant to explore different options of regionalization with the Departments of Templeton and Winchendon; Salter

seconded. By a roll call vote of LaBrie aye, Salter aye, Barbaro aye, Anderson aye and Cyganiewicz abstain, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Barbaro moved to adjourn Executive Session; LaBrie seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, Executive Session adjourned at 8:49 p.m. into Public Session.

LaBrie moved to adjourn Public Session; Barbaro seconded. By a roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously and Executive Session adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle
Executive Assistant