

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2009
APPROVED**

Present: Joshua A. Degen, Chairman; Stuart Schulman, Vice Chairman; Anna Eliot, Clerk; Peter Cunningham; George F. Dillon, Jr.

Also Present: Member Department of Agriculture; Alan Borgal Animal Rescue League; George Moore, Animal Inspector,; Chief Donald Palma; Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Degen called meeting of the Board to Order at 1:58 p.m.

Cow Autopsy:

Mr. Moore stated that Mr. DeNormandie wanted to bring more cattle to the his farm. Mr. Moore reported that one cow was autopsied and that the results were inconclusive because the results are very time sensitive. The cow was not autopsied until many days after it expired. The member from the Department of Agriculture stated that the tissue sample was not a good one. Mr. Moore was concerned with who was taking care of the cows. Chief Palma noted that he has not spoken to Mr. DeNormandie and that his jurisdiction was limited.

It was discussed what the Town could and could not do regarding the cattle on Mr. DeNormandie's property. Mr. Degen suggested the Groton Conservation Trust be contacted because they have some oversight over the land the cows reside on. Chief Palma suggested that the strategy moving forward should be to speak to the trust and discuss a possible by-law.

Police Department:

Chief Palma informed the Board that due to a retirement in his department he needed to appoint a interim Lieutenant. Chief Palma requested that James Cullen be appointed. The term will end on June 30, 2009.

Mr. Cunningham moved to affirm the Town Managers appointment of James Cullen as acting Lieutenant effect February 17, 2009 and expire June 30, 2009. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 2:40 p.m. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned

Approved: _____
Anna Eliot, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Administrative Assistant

Date Approved: 3-16-09