

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MINUTES MAY 7, 2018
APPROVED**

BOS Members Present: Barry A. Pease, Vice Chair; Alison S. Manugian, Clerk; John G. Petropoulos, Member; Rebecca H. Pine, Member

Members Absent: Joshua A. Degen, Chair

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Mr. Pease called the meeting to order at 6:23pm and reviewed the agenda.

Mr. Haddad said that Chief Palma would be retiring on May 28th. He said that there would be some sort of transition period and because of that, would like to appoint Don Palma as a Special Officer. He said that this designation would allow the Town to use him as a resource. He added that Special Officers did not get paid. The Board asked what the purpose was and if there was a need. Mr. Haddad said that it was needed for him to continue to advise in uniform.

Ms. Manugian moved to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Don Palma as a Special Police Officer effective May 29, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Mr. Petropoulos seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Manugian said that she wanted to formally mention that there may be an allegation of OML against her. She said she attended a change of use meeting earlier that day concerning Prescott School. She said that three selectmen were present because she opted to attend. Ms. Manugian said that she did not speak at the meeting. She said that she attended because she felt that certain select board members were getting more information than others. She said that she was also concerned that the consultant was not getting a clear background and information in order to do the job. She said she was concerned that they may have board members speaking for the Board when they had not been asked to. Mr. Pease asked if this should be added to the next meeting agenda. Mr. Haddad said that there was already one added. Mr. Haddad said that he was comfortable saying there was no OML violation adding Ms. Manugian only observed at the meeting. Ms. Pine confirmed that Ms. Manugian did not participate and no deliberations took place. Mr. Haddad added that it was not a posted meeting of the Board but in fact his own meeting.

Barry adjourned to Town Meeting at 6:40pm.

Approved: _____
Alison Manugian, Clerk

_____ *respectfully submitted,*
Dawn Dunbar, Executive Assistant

Date Approved: 6/4/18