

Meeting Nov. 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on Monday November 1, 2010 at the Lyman Town Hall.

Present:

Lyman Selectmen- Norman Hutchins, Leo Ruel, Paul Fecteau; Dayton Selectmen- Ted Poirier, Scott Littlefield.

Fire Commission members- Jim Roberts, Chris L'Heureux, Don Hernon

Goodwins Mills Fire Chief - Rodney Carpenter

Lyman Selectmen Secretary - Carol Sanborn who recorded the meeting.

Others (not an all-inclusive list) - Ron Stewart, Maurice St. Clair, Mike Polakewich

Discussion:

- Dayton Selectmen stated that they had provided a detailed list of issues with the Municipal Fire Department Interlocal Agreement, and that they considered that action was needed by the Lyman Selectmen to resolve the Dayton comments.
- Copies of the MMA email of 10/27/10 were provided (see attached). This email states that MMA is deferring comments for ethical reasons on the Interlocal Agreement and the wording of the June 2010 town warrant articles. MMA recommends that any issues be directed to the town attorneys.
- Lyman Selectmen did not provide a detailed list of issues with the Interlocal Agreement, but stated their willingness to work out the issues with the Interlocal Agreement, with the help of their town attorney.
- Don Hernon made a short presentation and provided handouts to the Selectmen and audience members (see attached files), after noting that the Fire Commission had not voted as a group on this information. Major points stated:
 - Discussion on the Fire Commission has become over complicated.
 - Per the Maine Statutes and the MMA Interlocal Cooperation Manual, Selectmen must accept the fact that the Interlocal Agreement has to be signed by both towns before the Fire Commission can perform its duties.
 - The Fire Commission cannot interview candidates for the municipal fire Chief position until the Interlocal Agreement is signed.
 - Both Boards of Selectmen must resolve issues with the Interlocal Agreement, and have their town attorneys determine if another vote by town residents is required.
 - Draft Fire Commission Duties with additional suggested words are included in the handout, primarily to more clearly indicate Selectmen control over the Fire Commission activities.
 - Draft Action List is included in the handout, to indicate one method of reporting Fire Commission progress to Selectmen and town residents (via town websites).
 - Fire Commission members/Goodwin Mills Fire Department representatives should participate with the Selectmen in any discussions with the town attorneys, and these meetings should be public.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Don Hernon

