

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, January 21, 2021 5:30 PM
This meeting was recorded**

NOTE: Due to the state of emergency in Massachusetts due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this meeting was held via ZOOM, an internet-based meeting space.

Present: Acting Chair Brian Cresta, Tim Houten, Kosta Prentakis

Absent: Rick Kassiotis

Others Attending: Town Administrator Andy Sheehan, Assistant Town Administrator Tanya Shallop, Chief Bill Sampson, Chief James DiGianvittorio, Paul Pellicelli, Adam Stone, and others

5:36 PM With a quorum present, Acting Chair Brian Cresta called the meeting to order.

5:36 PM Review and Vote to Execute a Contract with Police Chief William P. Sampson: (The Board reserves the right to enter Executive Session pursuant to GL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) with respect to contract negotiations with the Police Chief.) Acting Chair Brian Cresta provided a brief summary of the process followed to get to the final selection of William P. Sampson as the Town's new Police Chief. Cresta noted that the new Chief's contract will be effective through June 30, 2024. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

On a **MOTION** made by **Prentakis**, second by **Houten**, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously by roll call vote to execute the contract with Bill Sampson as the Police Chief for the Town of Middleton.

Roll Call (Called by Clerk Houten):

PRENTAKIS: Yes
CRESTA: Yes
HOUTEN: Yes

After the vote, the Board thanked Chief DiGi for his years of service as the Police Chief and wished him well.

5:43 PM Review and Vote to Sign Police Chief Waiver/Exemption to Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC): Acting Chair Brian Cresta advised that the Police Chief Waiver/Exemption is a document that is sent to the MPTC, which needs to be formally approved by the Board of the Selectmen. The Town Administrator provided additional information on the documents, noting that he spoke with the Director of the MPTC who advised this is largely a formality and he expected it would be approved. After a brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

On a **MOTION** made by **Prentakis**, second by **Houten**, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED** unanimously by roll call vote to approve and sign the exemption and the cover letter.

Roll Call (Called by Clerk Houten):

PRENTAKIS: Yes
CRESTA: Yes
HOUTEN: Yes

7:45 PM OTHER BUSINESS

- **Signatures Needed:** The Town Administrator asked the Board members to stop by Town Hall to sign the contract and the documentation approved tonight. They would like to get that ready for the new Chief tomorrow.
- **Thanks to All:** Acting Chair Cresta publicly thanked everyone involved in bringing the new police chief on board and, again, thanked the outgoing police chief for his years of service to Middleton. Selectman Houten invited Chief Sampson to stop by the meetings of boards and committees whenever he can to get to know the boards and committees. Cresta added that when it's again possible to do so, there will be opportunities for the chief to get to know the townspeople through town events and in-person meetings.

5:50 PM Adjourn

With no further business, on a **MOTION** made by **Prentakis**, the Board of Selectmen's meeting of January 21, 2021 adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 26, 2021 Regular BOS meeting
February 6, 2021 Operating Budget Summit
February 9 & 23 Regular BOS meetings

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. Stickney, Minutes Secretary

(From the video posted at: <https://www.middletonma.gov/CivicMedia?CID=Board-of-Selectmen-9#player>)

Tim Houten, BOS Clerk

Documents either distributed to the Board of Selectmen before the meeting in a packet or at the meeting:

- Agenda: January 21, 2021
- Police Chief Contract
- Police Chief Waiver/Exemption to Municipal Police Training Committee