

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2014 at 6:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:16pm. Chair Thomas E. Buckley, III, Vice-Chair Dianna Provencher, 2nd Vice-Chair Matthew Dennison, Selectman Douglas Belanger, Selectwoman Sandra Wilson and Town Administrator Kevin Mizikar were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public brought items forward for comment.

1. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Town Meeting and Warrant Articles

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the warrant and engaged in a discussion regarding Article 7, permanent disability for firefighters. A consensus was reached with Ryan Plante of the Leicester Firefighters Association that should Article 7 pass, the union contract will be reopened for negotiation relative to increasing the maximum lump sum payout for firefighters permanently disabled on the job. Dave Mero, Chair of the Finance Advisory Board, explained that the Finance Advisory Board is in opposition to Article 7 due to the potential financial impact on the Town. Under the current contract, permanently disabled firefighters receive 70% of their annual salary for two years, an insurance payout of up to \$500,000 and an additional \$3,000 per year for the life of the firefighter. If Town Meeting passes Article 7, a permanently disabled firefighters would be entitled to receive 2/3rd the annual salary of the lowest grade firefighter in an aggregate of 3 surrounding communities, or, approximately \$30,000 per year, in addition to the insurance payout of up to \$500,000.

B. Special Town Meeting

A motion was made at 6:55pm by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Provencher to recess to Special Town Meeting and to adjourn at the loss of a quorum. The motion carried unanimously.