## SELECT BOARD

## Select Board Agenda Martin Memorial Hall 5259 US Route 5 Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Agenda Review
- 3. Non-profit Request: Vermont Adult Learning
- 4. Comments from Select Board and Town Manager
- 5. Comments from Citizens on Topics not on Agenda
- 6. Budget Update
  - a. Admin Budget
  - b. Police Budget
  - c. Fire Department
    - i. WWVFD Notification Letter
    - ii. Petitions related to fire discussion
    - iii. 2020-2021 Budget Discussion
- 7. Adjourn

## West Weathersfield Vol. Fire Department

Po Box 196 Perkinsville, VT 05151

To: Weathersfield Select Board & Weathersfield Town Manager

This letter is written notice that's being followed by section 9.2 from the Fire Protection Agreement that was entered into official approval on November 20, 2017 between West Weathersfield Vol. Fire Department and the Town of Weathersfield.

Section 9.2 states that any party may terminate this Agreement, provided written notice of termination is given at least six months prior to such termination date.

The department would like to re-state that our preference is the select board follow through on forming a municipal fire department that was voted on. If this does not take place our members would like to work with the Town to draft a new fire agreement that better serves the needs for the department and town.

Our membership voted to make this letter be our formal notification that we do not wish to re-enter into the current Fire Protection Aagreement.

Sincerely,

**Chief Josh Dauphin** 

December 11, 2019

Lisa Slade PO Box 77 Ascutney, VT 05030

November 18, 2019

Weathersfield Select Board PO Box 550 Ascutney, VT 05030

Select Board Members,

As you all know as well as anyone, many residents do not attend Select Board meetings (or Town meetings) in person for one reason or another. What I have learned is, many residents watch the meetings on SAPA and/or read minutes on the Towns website in order to stay informed. Since there is not a lot of public participation at meetings, I decided I would put some of my thoughts in a petition format. Many residents agree with me that it is time for the Select Board to stop the discussion on the motion that was made by the previous Select Board just over a year ago to form a municipal fire department. This would help allow the Board of Selectmen to turn their attention to other town business that needs and deserves the attention of our elected officials.

In the past, during public meetings, I have personally asked the Select Board to rescind the motion that was made to form a municipal fire department. A few meetings ago, Board member Dave Fuller made a motion to do this. Unfortunately, (in my opinion) the motion Mr. Fuller made failed. Mr. Fuller's motion showed the current Select Board is divided on forming a municipal fire department. The attached petition consists of approximately one hundred signatures and it asks that the Select Board rescind the motion to form a municipal fire department that was made on November 5, 2018.

Sincerely,

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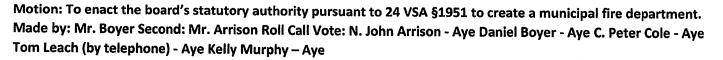
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It is our request that a motion is made to rescind the motion (referenced in paragraph 2 above) and this motion be voted in the affirmative by the majority of the current Board of Selectman.

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