

Item #2

Request to appear before the Board of Selectmen

Unless the issue is an emergency, all requests need to be furnished to the Town Administrator no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the Board Meeting.

Name: James Brace, Chief of Police

Date: 7/13/2016

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ACTION DESIRED: Please specify what action you desire the Board of Selectmen to take as a result of your presentation. Please be as specific as possible.

1. Request to Appoint Full Time Officers (Attached)
2. Police Department Activity, six month update (Discussion points attached)
3. Any other business the Board sees fit

PREVIOUS STEPS TAKEN: Please indicate any attempts that you have made to resolve this issue prior to asking to appear before the Board of Selectmen. If current procedures require that you place your request elsewhere prior to possible action by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator shall inform you at the time you complete this form.

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REQUEST TO APPOINT FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Nathan Knezevic, age 24, of Manchester, NH

Nathan is a 2010 graduate of Goffstown High School and had previously resided in New Boston while growing up. He has Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice graduating in May of 2014. Nathan has been employed at Fidelity Investments as a GSOC Specialist for about 2 years. Nathan is single but has a strong relationship with his girlfriend, Caitlyn, of 6 years.

Nathan would fill the vacant position created by Officer Drake in December 2015.

Matthew Sullivan, age 28, of Merrimack NH

Matthew is a 2006 graduate of Attleboro, MA High School and in May 2010 received his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from UMASS-Lowell. Matthew went on to obtain his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice in February 2012. Matthew is married to his wife Alexandra, and has one daughter, Hannah and a 2nd child (a son) on the way. Matthew has been employed at Southern NH Medical Center as a Security Officer for just over 3 years.

Matthew would fill the vacant position created by Lieutenant French in April 2016.

These hires will return the Police Department to full staffing. They are tentatively scheduled to attend the Full Time Academy from August 29, 2016 through December 16, 2016.

- 1) Staffing
 - a. New Hires – Process
 - i. 12 Applicants
 - ii. 8 showed for testing / 6 Passed
 - iii. Oral Boards – 5 recommended
 - iv. Top 2 candidates provided conditional offers
 - v. (Polygraph, Psychological, Medical, Background testing)
 - vi. Remaining candidates would be great for PT but no academy until Feb.
 - vii. Cost
 - b. Sergeant/ Sr. Patrolman Process
 - i. First Test Completed on 6/15. 2 Officer 's passed
 - ii. 2nd Test (tonight) 7/18
 - iii. Oral Boards Scheduled
 - iv. Promotion projected for 9/19 or 10/3
- 2) Prosecution
 - a. No applications submitted
 - b. Officer Case attended 2 week Prosecutor training in June, will take over duties once training is complete. I will continue to work with him
- 3) Evidence room Audit
 - a. Memo/Report submitted previously (synopsis)
- 4) Dispatch Progress
 - a. Radio coverage still a challenge (4th of July as an example). If new tower grant is approved problems should be resolved.
- 5) Activity: **(THROUGH JUNE 30TH)**
 - a. Arrests 109 (76/145) (6 month/ 12 month 2015)
 - b. MV Activity 3125 (1941/ 4521) (2015)
 - c. Offenses 75 (91/181) (2015)
 - d. Accidents 46 (53/103) (2015)
 - i. Felony Arrests: 18 (8 Drug related – Heroin x6, Cocaine x 1, Methamphetamine x 1)
 - ii. '15 Felonies: 6 (2 Drug Related – Manufacturing and Possession w/ intent)
 - e. Burglaries- 1 in January (Business) vs 6 in 2015 (4 Business / 2 Residential Attempted)
 - f. Property Crimes- 2 this year vs. 6 in 2015
- 6) Significant Arrests

Felonies –

 - 2 Arrests related to car break-ins, Chestnut Hill Area from April
 - 3 Additional Arrests related to Storage unit Burglaries in June 2015 (bringing total to 4)
 - 2 Arrests in May & June for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault/both JV victims