



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Working Session  
Town Hall Offices  
461 Boston Street, Unit E-6, Topsfield  
Minutes of August 9, 2017  
5:00 PM**

Board members present included Clerk and Acting Chairman Mark Lyons, Selectman Laura Powers, Selectman Richard Gandt and Selectman John K. Spencer. Chairman Boyd Jackson was not in attendance. From the Selectman's staff, Town Administrator Kellie Hebert and Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary Susan Winslow were in attendance.

The Board entered closed Executive Session in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(A) under Exemption #2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically, to discuss the Police Chief's Contract and the Fire Chief's Contract.

The Board also met under Exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically for the Full Time Police and AFSCME units, since an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Clerk and Acting Chairman Mark Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:07 PM, after a roll call vote:

Clerk Lyons - Yes  
Selectman Powers - Yes  
Selectman Gandt - Yes  
Selectman Jackson - Yes

The Board did not return to Open Session.

*These Minutes were accepted as written at the August 21, 2017 Board of Selectmen Meeting.*

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Board as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.