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Motion made by Christine Maynard to leave non-public session and return to public session at 6:37 PM. This motion was seconded by Roxanne Tufts-Keegan. Motion passed.

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Others present during non-public meeting was Michael Laviolette.

Discussion held regarding the EMR requirement of Michael Laviolette's agreement signed with the town when offered Fire Chief position. Michael Laviolette was given 6 months to obtain the EMR certification. Michael states that he did not pass his EMR test and would have to take another entire class and retest. He stated how he has been busy in his personal life and does not feel like it is obtainable. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan mentions the possibility of him getting enrolled in another class within the next two months and obtaining the license within a time frame. Michael would have to pay for the class himself but if he passed the BOS could review a possibility of reimbursement. Michael mentions possibly taking an EMT Basic class. Laura Parker asks why take a harder class if he did not pass the EMR and the basic class and testing requirements are harder. Michael states that he believes the class material and the test are the same for both. Laura Parker asks Michael if he thinks that that is obtainable within a year. He can not guarantee that he would pass and obtain the required license within the year, it may take a year or more. Laura Parker mentions how you do not want to waste money and set yourself up for failure, if one class was hard this one may be harder. Laura Parker asks Michael about the agreement he signed that expires around February 19th and how the agreement stated he would obtain the EMR license within the six months. Michael acknowledged that he signed the agreement but was unable to pass. Laura Parker asked Michael if he was in the BOS shoes and had this agreement that was not followed through, what would he do if he was in our shoes. Michael stated he would fire himself. Christine Maynard states how that is not what the board wants. Roxanne Tufts-Keegan talks about the possibility of removing that requirement. Laura Parker mentions how all the BOS hears about is the need for EMS licenses on the department, and paying Milton, why would the BOS remove a requirement that would help the town and fire department.

Michael stated that Jeff Eldridge was ready to step in at any moment. He also states that the Town should consider hiring a part time Fire Chief and pay them about \$20,000 a year. Laura Parker states how that is not something we can just do now on a whim, and we cant even find per-diem employees who would want to be the part time fire chief.

Michael states that he knows of someone already. Laura Parker asks who? He states Jeff Roub is willing to come over and be the part time fire chief. Laura Parker reminds them that Michael also said Jeff Roub was going to sign on for the per-diem shift and to date we haven't had an application. Discussion was held on other members on the dept that would be willing to step in as interim chief. Jake Bordeau? Michael said he wouldn't do it. Laura Parker stated they could at least talk to Jake. Michael again mentions Jeff Eldridge. Christine Maynard said she would talk to him. Christine Maynard also said this is not what the board wants to do, but the agreement has not been followed through and on the 19th we will have no Chief. Michael states how he understands that the board has to do what they have to do and he has no ill feelings. Board will find an interim Chief until another decision is made.

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