

Board of Selectmen
TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD, NH
SELECTMEN'S NON-PUBLIC SESSION #1

February 10, 2021

Via Zoom

Attending were Chief Duane Chickering, Lieutenant Michael Bomba, Gary Winn, Fran Shippee, Alissa Thompson, and Jim Barey.

Winn stated they were here to discuss a possible applicant to the Police Department. Chief Chickering stated this officer's name is Craig Winkler. The Chief continued, stating Winkler worked as a level 3 part-timer (essentially full-time certified) at Rutland County Sherriff's department. Winkler then moved to Hinsdale New Hampshire as a detective in 2020. The Chief stated Winkler obtained his full-time NH certification and has a bachelor's in criminal justice and a minor in sociology. The Chief noted Winkler has a good reputation overall as well as with the prosecutor's office. The Chief stated he has backed Winkler up on calls before and likes how he operates.

Winn asked where Winkler lives. Chief responded Swanzey, New Hampshire. Chief Chickering noted he has all the attributes that Chesterfield is looking for.

Shippee asked about Winkler going back to Rutland for three months. The Chief stated it was a situation gone sour with his personal relationship as well as false promises from Rutland County. Chief Chickering noted that there would not be a lot of money spent on training in hiring Winkler.

Winn asked about why Winkler is leaving Hinsdale. Chief noted that the morale in Hinsdale is poor at this time.

Chief stated technically Winkler is being hired as an officer, but once Winkler goes through the FTO process, Officer Jackson will move into detective position and there will be two other officers available as backup.

Shippee asked if the detectives followed a different schedule. The Chief stated yes, they will. The position follows wherever the investigations takes them.

Winn asked if both Lieutenant Bomba and Chief Chickering had experience working with Winkler and are comfortable with them. Lieutenant Bomba stated he is very comfortable working with Winkler and noted he stays calm in high pressure situations.

Gary Winn moved to offer Craig Winkler a conditional offer of employment for a position as patrolman for the Chesterfield Police Department. The motion was seconded by Fran Shippee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Winn asked if the Chief would make a public announcement on the current state of the Police Department. The Chief stated yes, he would stay in the public meeting to give a status update.

Fran Shippee moved to exit non-public session #1. The motion was seconded by Gary Winn and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Barey
Board of Selectmen Secretary

Approved by:



Gary Winn, Chairman

2/19/2022

Date



Fran Shippee

2/23/2022

Date

Kelli Hanzalik

Date