



**TOWN OF CLINTON**  
**LOSAP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Not Approved**  
**2014 08 14**

On July 17, 2014 the Town of Clinton LOSAP Committee meeting was held at the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department.

**Members in attendance:** Lynn Pinder, David E. Burns, Omar Francis, and Leah Saunders

**Members absent:**

**Also in attendance:** David J. Burns, Dennis Delecke, David Long (Recorder), Michael Massey, J. Michael Paulson, and Brian Smith

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** To review where they were in the LOSAP process.

At 4:00 p.m., Lynn Pinder called the meeting to order.

David J. Burns advised that the CVFD committee has chosen Michael Massey to replace him on the Town committee. Lynn Pinder noted that she will have the appointment of Michael Massey placed onto the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen's meeting in order to obtain the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

First topic business to be acted on was the e-mail resignation submitted by David J. Burns from the Town LOSAP Committee. A motion was made by Omar Francis to accept David J. Burns's resignation. The motion was seconded by David E. Burns. The motion was unanimously carried.

Omar Francis made a motion to have Michael Massey's appointment to the Town LOSAP Committee be placed on the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. The motion was seconded by David E. Burns. The motion was unanimously carried.

During the preceding meeting, held on August 31<sup>st</sup>, the committee discussed having Omar Francis get some numbers. Lynn explained that she realizes that she realizes that the CVFD doesn't particularly care how the program is funded; the Department just wants it to happen. However, it is Lynn's job to ensure that the Town can afford it. Before we can bring the program before the Board of Selectmen, this committee must ensure that we can get the numbers through the Board of Finance and the Town.

Michael Massey noted that the CVFD has spent \$5,000.00 and numerous hours to come up with a plan that he feels this committee is not even looking at. Lynn stated that she doesn't understand why the Department feels that way. Omar Francis noted that this Committee is only doing its' due diligence to ensure that we are doing the right thing. That would be accomplished by comparing the Department' numbers against what other departments are doing.

Michael continued by expressing that the Town LOSAP Committee is attempting to reduce what the Department has proposed. The Department's committee began what a figure between \$800 and \$900 as that is what other departments are getting. As a committee within the Department,

that amount was cut that down to \$500. It is the Department's opinion that the Town LOSAP Committee is attempting to drastically reduce the benefit amount to be paid to CVFD members who qualify for the benefit. Both Lynn Pinder and Omar Francis noted that is not what this Committee is attempting to do. Lynn Pinder reiterated that it is the Committee's objective to make sure that the Town can fund the program. Lynn further explained that if we can't determine a way to fund the program, that no matter what we do, we will not be able to get approval by the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance is turning down things that some cannot believe they are turning down. What Omar Francis is attempting to do is to come up with companies that can give this committee what the costs are going to be. What the Administrative costs are and what company can we use to keep those costs down to an affordable level. There have been a number of ideas that have been bounced around that the Town cannot afford. It is not this committee's position to determine if this is more fitting or if other Town activities are less deserving. It is our responsibility to determine what the Town can afford and sustain from year to year because the townspeople are going to have to realize that this will be coming from their tax dollars. What this committee is attempting to do is to successfully administer the plan and to give the CVFD nearly what the CVFD wants. Those involved realize how much the Department has come down from the original proposal brought before them. Omar Francis further stated that what this Committee is attempting to do is determine what the Department's concerns are as well as what the Department's expectations are.

The topic of a "buy out" was brought up but no one could specifically determine if or when that subject may have been previously discussed. The recording secretary attempted to quickly review the previous meeting minutes to determine if a "buy out" had been previously discussed but did not find any reference to such.

Omar stated that next time we sit down; we should have better numbers to talk about. He also noted that he felt that we should continue to meet at the scheduled intervals in order to keep these talks alive.

Next LOSAP Meeting was scheduled for August 28, 2014 (4:00 p.m.) at CVFD Headquarters.

Discussions continued on subjects of: what happens to the fund once a member leaves the Department; would a members over 65 years of age be eligible to receive both the abatement and the LOSAP if they remained active in the Department; and what happens if a member leaves the Department after nineteen (19) years of service and later returns: what would be the conditions be and how long would they have to serve before they would become eligible to collect the LOSAP.

A motion was made by Leah Saunders to adjourn. Motion was seconded by David E. Burns.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes for the July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting are to be completed at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Long - Recorder