

Select Board Meeting
February 2, 2023, 6:45 Meeting

Reopened meeting at 7:10pm in the Selectmen Meeting room.

- 1. Discussion and review of the Parks and Recreation event that occurred on Friday January 27, 2023, in the Municipal Building Gym:** Mr. Dufresne stated that this meeting was to discuss the incident that happened on January 27, 2023. It was a dance sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department in the Shepard Building Gym. There has been a lot of information published on Facebook and we just want to clear it up and get the truth out there.

Ms. Sweeny, one of the board members, was at the dance and reported that Mrs. Ramsey was on top of things. She managed it very well. She asked the person that said they got the threat to show it to her, the student couldn't then the story changed to a phone call but there wasn't a phone call that was not someone she knew. The lights were turned on and Mrs. Ramsey tried to calm the students down saying that they had everything under control. Lieutenant Early came and she told him about what went on. Mrs. Ramsey stopped each parent at the door and explained what had happened and what was being done.

Mr. Dufresne thanked them for keeping the children safe. Then the Parks Department and the Select Board asked if anyone had any evidence to please bring it to them or the police. Mr. Dufresne asked Lieutenant Early to give his report:

Lieutenant Early: just an overview of what happened. 8:15 call from one of the officers stating that there might be an active shooter – Checked out the situation. Mrs. Ramsey and Mr. McKeon reported that they had checked every child's phone and there were no threatening texts or phone calls. Every child was checked into the dance and when picked up by a parent were signed-out for the dance. There were no missing children, or any hurt children, a couple of names were floating around so I spoke with them and saw their phone and there was nothing on them. In my opinion there was no credible threat. Some of the kids started a rumor and then you had mass fear. No proof that there was anything that was going on.

Mr. Dufresne stated that social media is great, but it can be used to scare and put out incorrect information.

Mrs. Ramsey stated that since this rumor mill happened there will be no more dances held this year. That is the consequence of the rumor mill. This is not a paid position we do it because we feel it is good to have the children do social activities, but it isn't worth this type of stress. The police did an amazing job, but the parents would not let it drop, they promoted it even more. We asked parents to please contact us so that we can see the proof or if they had any information not one phone call.

Chief Millette stated we work so hard to make sure everyone is safe and then we get bashed.

Mr. Dufresne asked the public to please use social media for good. Incorrect information just caused problems, like the dances put on by the Parks and Recreation Department being cancelled for the rest of the year.

Adjourn Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed Adjourned
8:03pm

Respectfully submitted by:
Karen Dusty, Administrative Assistant


Derick Veliz, Clerk



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

CHARLES E. SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING

DATE: 7/2/23 7:00 P.M.

Attendee: Sue Ramsey

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Attendee: Bill Ramsey

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Attendee: Steve Duff ORNTHS

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Attendee: Maureen Bininda

Attendee: _____

Attendee: Adam Lavoie

Attendee: _____

Attendee: Jim McKee

Attendee: _____

Attendee: Jessie SubeKey

Attendee: _____

Attendee: Homer Early

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