

**Selectboard  
Thursday, June 30, 2016  
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Thomas Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Diane Chapman, Susan Haughwout

**Others Present:** Town Manager Scott Murphy, Richard Covey, Dover Fire Chief Rich Werner, Fire Chief Ken March, Scott Moore, Jeremy White, Bill Spirka, Keith Johnson

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

- Chief March discussed the mutual aid coverage between towns.
- Chief Werner talked about the paid system in Dover- they have tried some paid overnight shifts
- Chief Werner commented that everything is working well in Dover
- Haughwout mentioned a potential “merger” discussion and the possible need for sharing resources
- Werner and Haughwout both suggested a consultant
- Gannon stated that solving the issue of lack of personnel needs to come before a new fire building is discussed.
- Johnson mentioned the retention and recruitment of firemen are two big issues
- Town Manager Murphy discussed the results of Manchester & Dorset’s merger exploration and how Dorset is proceeding with paying the Fire Districts as independent consultants.

Another special meeting will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 pm at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Scott Murphy  
Town Manager

**Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:**

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Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

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John Gannon, Vice Chair

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Diane Chapman

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Susan Joy Haughwout

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Vincent Rice, Clerk