



State of New Hampshire
Public Employee Labor Relations Board

The Professional Fire and Police Officers Association of Bedford

and

Town of Bedford

Case No. G-0307-1
Decision No. 2022-017

Pre-Hearing Memorandum and Order

Date of Conference: January 28, 2021

Appearances: John Krupski, Esq., for the Petitioner
Anna B. Cole, Esq., for the Respondent

On December 6, 2021, the Professional Fire and Police Officers Association of Bedford (Association) filed a petition to certify a bargaining unit comprised of Fire Department Captains and Police Department Lieutenants. The Town raised a number of objections in its answer and also filed a motion to dismiss on the grounds that there are an insufficient number of employees in the proposed bargaining unit. The Town also filed an assented to motion to continue the January 20, 2022 hearing, which was previously granted. The Association has objected to the motion to dismiss and has also filed a motion to amend seeking to add the positions of Code Official and Animal Control Officer to the proposed unit.

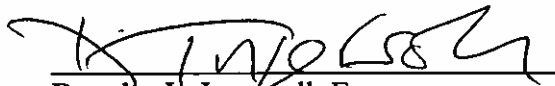
During the pre-hearing conference the undersigned discussed the pleadings on file with the parties and the following can be reported:

- The Town does not object to the motion to amend, the undersigned finds the motion is otherwise in order, and therefore the Association's motion to amend is granted.
- The Town shall file an answer to the amended petition on or before **February 14, 2022**.
- The Town has withdrawn the pending motion to dismiss.

Given the deadline for the Town's amended answer, and witness issues discussed during the conference, the current hearing date of **February 11, 2022**, is cancelled. The parties shall confer, and on or before **February 14, 2022** report their joint availability for hearing during the two week period beginning **February 28, 2022**. The new hearing date will be established by subsequent notice. The time set aside for hearing is three hours.

So ordered.

Date: 1/31/2022



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