



## Town of Monson

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On April 25, 2024, the Town of Monson Selectboard met with Ryan Laplante in executive session to discuss operations in and concerns about the Fire Department. During that meeting Ryan verbally gave his resignation, and we have accepted that resignation, effective immediately. Following the meeting, Ryan publicly spoke with other members of the department and unfortunately made several statements about the meeting which the Board must now correct. First, it was said that other members of the Fire Department were discussed during the meeting. That is not true. There was no discussion about any other Department member during the meeting – the meeting was strictly a personnel matter pertaining to Ryan Laplante alone. With regard to a public statement by Ryan that the Town of Monson has cancelled the Fire Truck, this is not true. The Board regrets that such misinformation was transmitted to the public.

At this time the Town is considering the future configurations of the Department. Unfortunately, following the Select Board Meeting, and perhaps due to the misinformation that was spread, some members of the Fire Department have given their resignation, which the Town has accepted. The Town has secured coverage from other departments for the immediate future, while the situation is being evaluated. For those members who have remained with the Department, the Board wishes to thank them for their public service and dedication to our community. Together, we will build a better and stronger Fire Department.

Sincerely,  
The Monson Selectboard