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# Ashby hires a new police chief

By Karen Mann  
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After a four-month search, town officials appointed Paul Lundin as police chief this week.

Lundin a former White Plains, N.Y., police officer was expected to be sworn-in as chief at Wednesday's selectmen's meeting, which occurred after press time.

Selectmen and Lundin were

expected to sign a three-year contract.

"I am pleased to have my name associated with this selection," said Stephen Unsworth, the BadgeQuest consultant who facilitated the search.

Lundin was one of 74 candidates who applied for the job.

"I was pleased with the

tremendous response," said Unsworth. "There were many, highly-qualified individuals asking about the job."

The search began this summer after former Police Chief Steve McLatchy resigned. Unsworth worked with Interim Police Chief William George to screen applications and resumes.

The pair then interviewed can-

didates twice with Town Administrator Linda Sanders participating in the final round of interviews.

Lundin has worked for the White Plains Police Department for 21 years, and has served as a captain since 2003, according to his resume.

White Plains is a suburb of New York City and is home to

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## ASHBY

# Police chief wants to punish fear mongering

By Karen Mann

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Police Chief Erving Marshall is proposing a harsher sentence for those who cause great fear or

harm, or put a city or town in danger, punishable by a fine ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, or up to a year in jail.

Marshall started drafting the

*"People need to be held accountable. A \$50 fine is not enough to stop them."*

— BOARD OF SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN  
ROBERT PLAMONDON

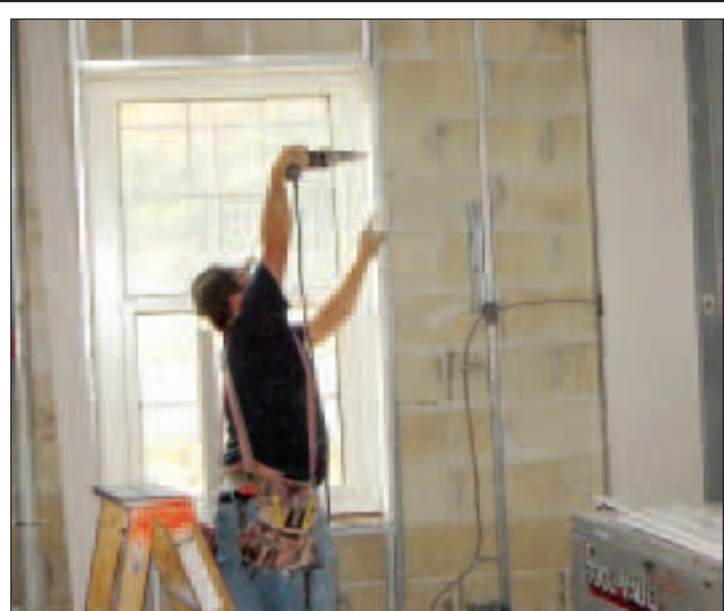


disruption in a city or town.

Marshall presented his idea to selectmen this week. He would like to see a bill passed that makes negative acts that disrupt a city or town, cause great fear or public

legislation after an incident this summer in which two alligators were released in residential areas. The matter not only caused fear among residents, it used a lot of

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A member of the construction crew installs the supports for the drywall near one of the first floor windows on Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the new town hall on South Street.

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# New town hall nears completion

By Caitlyn Kelleher

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Crews are working to install the drywall for the walls on the first floor and to finish installing the heating system this week on the new town hall.

Clerk of the Works Duffy Lanciani said the construction is nearly 75 percent done. Selectman Lorraine Emerson said she is very pleased with the work completed to this point.

"This is the last town hall we want to have in the next 50 to 100 years," she said.

Emerson is also a member of the building committee.

"We'll be in — in December," she said walking the site.

The second floor walls are nearly all installed but there is

still work on the first floor and the third floor to finish blocking off the mechanical areas.

The two major financial line items left in the project are the site work, which includes all of the drainage, sewer piping and water lines that will feed the building as well as the landscaping and the paving.

"The paving will be done by December," Lanciani said. "The painting is still another big dollar value [of the work left to complete]."

Voters approved \$5.2 million for the project.

Lanciani said the roof has been sealed tight for more than a week, so the residual moisture from the construction period is almost gone. He added that

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# Superintendent sets goals for the upcoming year

By Caitlyn Kelleher

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Ashburnham-Westminster Regional Superintendent of Schools Michael Zapantis out-

lined three goals for the upcoming year, along with the steps to meet them.

nication and media plan; and to implement and facilitate the capital plan.

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— SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
MICHAEL ZAPANTIS



lined three goals for the upcoming year, along with the steps to meet them.

Zapantis outlined the three goals as continuing student improvement; develop a commu-

said. "They are paying for the education."

The school committee approved the goals at their Oct. 10 meeting, with no discussion or

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