Town of Fryeburg Concealed Weapons Permit Issuance Policy

To insure consistency and compliance with Maine State Statutes, the following policy shall be followed when issuing concealed weapons permits:

- As provided for in MRSA Section 2002, the Board of Selectmen authorize the Chief of Police as their designee for issuing concealed weapons permits
- All applications shall conform to MRSA 25 Chapter 252 §2003-D
- All applications shall be picked up and returned to the Fryeburg Police Department.
- All application fees will be collected at the Police Department.
- Per MRSA 25 Chapter 252 § 2003-E.4 the fees for a concealed weapons permit shall be
 - o For a new permit \$35, \$25 of which is to be turned over to the Treasurer of the State. The remaining \$10 is to go to the Town.
 - o For a renewal \$20, \$15 is to be turned over to the Treasurer of the State. The remaining \$5 is to go to the Town.
- All applications shall be stored in a confidential file at the Police Department.
- The Chief of Police shall check the application for completeness and truthfulness.
- The Chief of police shall cause a background check to be made pursuant to Title 25 Chapter 252 § 2003-E.1
- As authorized in MRSA 25 § 2003-E-2, the applicant shall either submit a passport sized photograph along with the application, or submit to being photographed by a Police Department employee using Town equipment.
- The Applicant shall demonstrate either through submitting proper documentation, or in person, the knowledge of handgun safety. Per MRSA 25 § 2003-E-5 the following methods may be used for proper demonstration:
 - Demonstrates to the issuing authority a knowledge of handgun safety. The applicant may fully satisfy this requirement by submitting to the issuing authority, through documentation in accordance with this subparagraph, proof that the applicant has within 5 years prior to the date of application completed a course that included handgun safety offered by or under the supervision of a federal, state, county or municipal law enforcement agency or a firearms instructor certified by a private firearms association recognized as knowledgeable in matters of firearms safety by the issuing authority or by the state in which the course was taken. A course completion certificate or other document, or a photocopy, is sufficient if it recites or otherwise demonstrates that the course meets all of the requirements of this subparagraph.

As an alternative way of fully satisfying this requirement, an applicant may personally demonstrate knowledge of handgun safety to an issuing authority, if the issuing authority is willing to

evaluate an applicant's personal demonstration of such knowledge. The issuing authority is not required to offer this 2nd option. The demonstration of knowledge of handgun safety to the issuing authority may not be required of any applicant who holds a valid State permit to carry a concealed firearm as of April 15, 1990 or of any applicant who was or is in any of the Armed Forces of the United States and has received at least basic firearms training.

- The Chief of Police shall cause a copy of appropriate laws and definitions to be furnished to all applicants.
- Upon receipt of a complete application, the Chief of Police shall either issue or deny a concealed weapons permit within 30 days for a resident application, or 60 days for a non-resident.