

EMERGENCY SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 22, 2022

Present: Dan McCormick, Tony Avila, Penny Sampson, Blaine Parsons, Pat Haley, Larry King, Emily Newell and Jim Porter

6:00pm Penny called the meeting to order

Blaine spoke to the board regarding the availability of a replacement ladder truck for the Fire Department. This truck is located at the Fire Dept. in Dixfield Maine and he along with a few members have been there to drive and review the truck. The truck is as follows:

1995 Used Quint Ladder Truck bought in 2008 from Brindle Mtn Equipment

2008 Inframe Rebuilt/Engine Rebuilt/New Liner (88,000 miles)

2014 Re-Painted

2015 Turntables Repaired (20 hours on turntables)

Truck has a 75 foot aluminum ladder

Blaine asked for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to purchase the truck. He also stated that this should provide a ten to fifteen year fix for the department. There are three trucks out of service at this time.

Larry raised the question of finding other funds available for the purchase of the truck.

Dan referred back to the meeting held for the purchase of the pumper truck in 2021 and how the budget has increased in the past five years with the fire dept debt being substantial. He stated that during that meeting it was discussed with Blaine and other department members that it was time to get equipment paid off and lower the debt level.

Jim stated that the petition was for seeing what the town citizens wanted. He also discussed mutual aid donations and getting preapproved for purchasing the ladder truck.

Emily requested that the board take the opportunity to buy this truck and spread out payments for two years of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) each.

Tony stated this ladder truck is better than not having one at all.

Blaine restated that he wanted fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for negotiating the purchase.

Larry wants to know if this is going to end their wanting to buy more equipment.

Blaine stated this should be a ten year fix and that the Association did the petition.

Dan stated that any money spent should come out of truck replacement account.

Tony made motion to take maximum of forty-four thousand (\$44,000.00) out of the truck replacement fund with the association to contribute six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) with the intent to purchase a ladder truck; money from the truck replacement fund is to be replaced with sale of fire equipment and taxation, seconded by Penny.

Yes 2 No 1

Dan stated that he wanted the Tanker, Rescue and Ladder trucks out to bid.

6:50pm Penny made motion to adjourn, Tony seconded.

Vote Unanimous