

TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL HEARING REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT
CAPTIAL RESERVE AND FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

June 22, 2015

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Stephen Knox (SK), Donald Butson (DB)
Thomas Demers (TD)

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE: Suze Tavernier (ST)

HEARING OPENED: 6:30 SK Opened Hearing

SK Purpose of this Hearing is to discuss and decide the replacement of a fire truck. We have one that is in need of repair, cost of repair is estimated to be higher than its value. The Fire Chief has found a replacement that will replace the truck in need of repair and current ladder truck. This replacement truck is a significantly newer truck. We will like to hear from the Fire Chief or George

Fire Chief Greg (GH) Hartwell we are looking at a truck that Fenton Fire Equipment has. The one we are looking at will replace two of the Departments trucks, and it fits in the door, and it is shorter than current ladder truck

SK Shorter in length or height

GH Shorter in length, current one is 48 feet, this one is 10 feet shorter

George Stevens (GS) It's low in mileage, newer model this one is a 1997 compared to the current 1974 model. It's under the 10 foot height limit for the door, at the highest point it's 9'7" well under what we need and if we had to we could cut the rails to go even lower.

DB Do the rails have to be cut to fit?

GH No, but if we had too. The current ladder truck is 100 foot, this one is 64 feet. I don't remember a time we have used the full 100. You need 20 feet for the first floor and 10 feet for each additional floor

DB It's sufficient for any building on Main Street?

GS Yes, well all but the Town Hall, and our current ladder does not reach top peak either. Littleton does have a 100 foot ladder so if needed we are covered under mutual aid. The waterways automatic nozzle can either go up with the ladder, and can be done with remote control. It's a clean truck and we spoke with the broker and Chief, the cost was reduced to 69 thousand and they have talked

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about being willing to add equipment in to sale, air packs 4.5 with 4500 tanks, it a good upgrade from what we have, which we are going to be due to replace

DB Have talked about or guaranteed

GS It's a done deal

GH The packs may not be ready when we pick up the truck, they are waiting for the new ones to arrive

SK What is the value of these packs

GH 2,500 and they are giving us 7 packs

SK What is life expectancy?

GS Pack 30 years, bottles 15 years, will have to replace bottles in 5-6 years

SK How many packs do we currently have?

GS Currently 14, they are still usable, don't know when they will no longer be viable

SK Terms of maintenance on the new one, idea on cost?

GS Maintenance cost will be lower, we do certify every two years, this department does every year. Everything that has been done is in a maintenance log, very minor things. Todd very confident in what we saw. Don't see anything major for 20 years

TD Does the maintenance book come with the truck?

GS Yes

TD How about our equipment books?

GS Not as up to date as should be

TD Can we continue to use this book and can we do the same with our other trucks?

GS We have records for all certs done on trucks

TD How long do you keep those records?

GS Perpetuity

SK Any more questions from the Board? Currently the balance of the Capital Reserve can cover the cost of this truck. What is plan for current trucks?

GS Ladder truck we can push off to Fenton Fire, or sit on it for a while. The value is nominal. Maybe put out to bid

SK What about for parts?

GS Maybe but outdated

SK What about Stockley's

GS Currently .04 a pound

SK Can we get an idea of what we could get?

GS The new truck is an automatic transmission, so no issues with unexperienced drivers

SK How many trucks are manual that we have?

GH 68 Mac

SK What is protocol to keep transmission is working?

GS We are limiting the people to be qualified to drive, if there is no one that is qualified to drive it stays in station

SK Any further questions

DB Make a motion to purchase truck for 69 thousand TD 2nd so voted motion passes

GS Will contact them immediately, time frame on check?

SK We have a trustee here, Mr. Champgane, time frame?

SC A couple of days, have a meeting Tuesday, will speak with Joe then

SK motion to adjourn DB 2nd so voted all at 6:59

ADJOURNED: SK made motion to adjourn DB 2nd so voted all