

Special Town Meeting

August 29, 2017

Moderator Patricia Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Salute to the Flag was given, and the Moderator reviewed the rules of the meeting.

Article 1: Shall the voters authorize the purchase of a Tanker Truck for the Hartland Fire Department in the amount not to exceed \$ 235,000 funded by \$ 100,000 from the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department Reserve Account with the remaining amount of \$ 135,000 to be financed over a period of not more than 5 years?

Moved by Bruce Renfro and seconded by William Blodgett to accept the article.

Fire Chief John Sanders gave a power point overview of the Fire Department activities. They have responded to 80 calls so far this year compared to 111 in 2016. He gave a time line of the expected life of the vehicles the department has. They figure that 25 years is the maximum life of a vehicle.

They received bids from E-One and Dingee equipment. The E-One company can supply in approximately 9 months and Dingee may be 2 years. Therefore, they decided to go with the E-One bid.

Bruce Renfro asked if the new truck would be four-wheel drive, to which John replied no, however all trucks have spot chains for inclement weather.

Linda Genovese asked if the additional 500-gallon capacity would pose a problem. No, it would not.

Derek Levin asked if it would take the entire reserve account. No there will still be \$ 100,000 in the fund. This is deemed prudent as there is a need to replace the departments air packs in the near future.

Bonnie Goodman asked as to how long they expect the truck to be serviceable . John said 25 years.

Nick Burnham asked if there was a town truck chassis available as we have used them in the past. John stated that there isn't one at this moment in time.

Town Manager David Ormiston gave a brief update on the financing. Over the five years we will pay \$ 144641.35.

Bonnie Goodman asked if we were taking ourselves out of the possibility of grant monies. John Sanders replied that grants are not a given.

John noted that residents benefit in lower insurance by having good equipment.

Bob Bibby called the question. It was seconded by Elaine Smith and voted in the affirmative.

The article was accepted.

Article 2: To transact any other business thought proper under this warning.

The Moderator called for a moment of silence to honor Justice of the Peace Joseph Silver and for David Ormiston' father as they have both recently passed away.

Moved by Bruce Renfro and seconded by many to adjourn. It was so voted.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Attendance 70

Number on Checklist 2643

Clyde A Jenne
Town Clerk