

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of January 14, 2016

- I. **ROLL CALL.** Chair John Quinn III (absent), Select Board members Lynn Doney, Matthew Gadbois, Kenneth W. Goslant, and K. David Maxwell. Also present were Town Manager Jeff Schulz; and Finance Director, Laurie Baroffio.

Dave Maxwell, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled): None**

- III. **FY 16/17 Budget**

Chair Maxwell asked where the Board left off with the budget, and what items remained for discussion. Manager Schulz stated that one remaining item is the replacement of the 05 Mach Truck. This highway truck is scheduled for replacement in the 17/18 highway CIP; however, the current foreman and former foremen recommend that the truck be replaced this year because there is significant rust on the dump, and concerns about other items on the truck. The Board discussed the cost of replacing just the jump portion of the truck, and that the O5 Mach truck should have another five to ten years of life. The Board agreed to not replace the truck but instead replace the jump portion. Next, the Board discussed selling the road side mower and contracting out road side mowing. Schulz stated that the road side mower has a value of approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000, and that contracting out road side mowing would cost the Town approximately \$11,000 to \$12,000 per year. The Board stated that contracting out road side mowing would free up an employee to work on other road projects. The Board agreed to sell the road side mower and to sub-contract the road side mowing.

Next, the Board discussed the purchase of a fire truck to replace the 93 pumper. Pete Demasi stated that the budgeting quote for a new pumper is \$414,000. The Board asked if the pumper truck being spec'd could accommodate the equipment from the rescue truck. Pete stated that the new pumper as designed could not accommodate all of the equipment from the rescue truck. A Board member asked about quotes for replacing the rescue truck and the age of the truck. Ambulance Director Lawton Rutter provided a quote of \$43,000, and noted that the truck is 25 years old. Next, Board member Gadbois stated that the Board has planned to consolidate equipment by putting the rescue equipment on the pumper and thus eliminating the need to replace rescue truck. Select Board member Gadbois made a **motion** to approve \$425,000 for a new pumper truck. The Board discussed the motion and felt that the numbers were such that it made sense to purchase a pumper for \$414,000 and a rescue truck for \$43,000. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Select Board member Doney made a **motion** to approve sending \$43,955 for a new rescue truck, seconded by Board member Goslant. The motion passed 3-0-1.

Next, Select Board member Doney made a **motion** to approve spending \$414,000 for a new pumper truck, second by Board member Goslant. The motion passed 3-0-1.

Next, the Board discussed how to fund the purchase of the rescue truck. The Board agreed to use a portion of the surplus to fund the rescue truck purchase. Specifically, the Board agreed to use the following funds as shown in the 1-5-16 draft budget: \$12,000 from the auto-plus, \$4,000 from the ambulance chairs, \$3,000 from the trailer, \$4,000 from the ambulance stretchers, and \$20,000 from the ambulance.

Next, the Board discussed the elimination of the ICMA retirement and possible alternatives to fully eliminating the plan, such as, phasing it out over time. The Board agreed to table the discussion of this item to the next meeting, and asked for additional information regarding the current and future budgeting of ICMA.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled). There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Select Board member Gadbois, seconded by Select Board member Goslant to adjourn. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Schulz

Jeff Schulz, Clerk

These minutes were approved at the regular Select Board meeting of January 26, 2016.