

Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard

December 9, 2013 Special Joint Meeting with the Calais Selectboard

SB Attendance: Chair Seth Gardner, Kim Swasey, Steve Sparrow, Casey Northrup, and Carl Etnier; Town Administrator Bruce Johnson

Calais SB Attendance: Chair Denise Wheeler, John Brabant, Scott Bassage, Toby Talbot, and Rose Pelchuck

Public Attendance (from East Montpelier): Don Welch, Town Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: Use of Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a new town pickup truck

Public Comment: None

Addition to Agenda: Use of Capital Reserve Fund to Purchase a New Town Pickup Truck

The current town pickup, generally used by Mike Garand, the town road foreman, will not pass inspection and needs to be replaced. After considerable research, Mr. Garand recommended a 2013 GMC Sierra 2500 as a replacement. Mr. Northrup followed up on Mr. Garand's efforts and presented a purchase agreement to the board: final price of \$23,485 after discounts and trade-in value of current town truck. Price includes a standard warranty plus 3 years of normal maintenance and state inspections.

Motion: To approve the purchase of the 2013 GMC Sierra and authorize Chair Gardner to sign the purchase agreement. Made by Mr. Northrup; second by Ms. Swasey. Passed unanimously.

This issue will be included on the agenda of the December 16, 2013 regular East Montpelier Selectboard meeting.

Calais Selectboard Chair Denise Wheeler opened the joint meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Consideration of East Montpelier Fire Department Request to Use the EMFD Capital Reserve Fund to Purchase a Replacement Ambulance

EMFD has expressed a desire to replace its aging Rescue 3 ambulance. A viable used ambulance had been found at a Pennsylvania dealership. The details:

- Priced at \$52,000
- 2009 Lo Pro 4100
- Used by an ambulance service in West Virginia
- Less than 50,000 total miles; 29,000 since an engine replacement
- Ready to go – will not need much retrofitting to be put in service
- Needs new tires at an estimated cost of \$2,800

Concerns were raised regarding the number of engine hours. The number is unknown, but EMFD research (members went to Pennsylvania to check out the ambulance) showed the

replacement engine to be both a top-notch version and in good shape. Any purchase of this type carries risk, but the price appears to be good.

Mr. Talbot stated that the Rescue 3 ambulance would be sold and the proceeds would be placed in the EMFD Capital Reserve Fund.

The Calais board authorized the use of the EMFD Capital Reserve Fund for the proposed purchase (Mr. Talbot & Ms. Pelchuck recused themselves).

Motion: To authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$55,000 from the EMFD Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of the requested 2009 ambulance plus new tires.

Made by Mr. Northrup; second by Mr. Etnier. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of the FY2015 Ambulance & Emergency Services Budget Request by the East Montpelier Fire Department

The EMFD provided updated budget figures for consideration by the two boards. The revised proposed FY2015 EMFD budget remains at a total of \$355,975, but now includes the use of \$15,000 from the EMFD Contingency Fund. After subtracting the \$15,000 and the revenue from the ambulance service contract with Plainfield, the expected contribution from the two towns is as follows:

East Montpelier	\$197,083.33	1.8% increase
Calais	\$ 98,541.67	22.5% increase

The Calais board agreed to put the requested \$98,541.67 in its FY15 budget.

Motion: To include an appropriation of \$197,083.33 in the FY2015 general Selectboard budget for the provision of ambulance and emergency services by EMFD. Made by Mr. Northrup; second by Ms. Swasey. Passed unanimously.

Both boards were very thankful for the efforts of the EMFD to adjust the budget to meet the concerns expressed by board members at the December 5, 2013 EMFD budget presentation.

Motion: To adjourn. Made by Mr. Northrup; second by Mr. Etnier. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Johnson, Town Administrator

Approved: December 16, 2013 East Montpelier Selectboard meeting