

Selectboard Memo
December 5, 2016 SB Meeting

Additions to Agenda

➤ **Energy Committee Appointments**

- Carl Etnier would like the board to consider the appointment of Lindy Biggs, Cort Richardson, and Mr. Etnier to a resuscitated EM Energy Committee
- He would also like the committee to be authorized to embark on Act 174 energy planning for the town

➤ **Road Foreman Update**

- 2008 International has been out-of-service for both storms so far this year; Road Foreman Garand is once again requesting permission to purchase a sander for the town pickup
- RF Garand is also requesting confirmation that the 2008 will be replaced in 2017 and he should be researching options

Delinquent Tax Collector Report

- EM Delinquent Tax Collector Karen Gramer will provide an update on delinquent tax collections and tax sale efforts

Special Joint Meeting with Town of Calais Selectboard

➤ **Discussion of the FY2018 Ambulance & Emergency Services Budget Request by the East Montpelier Fire Department**

- The two boards will consider the EMFD FY2018 budget request (see the draft budget and scenario development documents):

Service	Calais		East Montpelier		Total	
	FY2018 Request	% Increase over FY17	FY2018 Request	% Increase over FY17	FY2018 Request	% Increase over FY17
Fire	\$ 53,346.67	1.6%	\$106,693.33	1.6%	\$160,040.00	1.6%
Ambulance	\$ 72,668.43	12.3%	\$145,336.86	12.3%	\$218,005.29	12.3%
Total	\$126,015.10	7.5%	\$252,030.19	7.5%	\$378,045.29	7.5%

Total EMFD FY2018 ambulance budget of \$265,650 includes a contracted Plainfield payment of \$47,645 for a total combined services budget of \$425,690, up 7.0% from FY2017.

- The boards will also consider the EMFD capital reserve fund use request to purchase two vehicles in FY2018:
 - Replacement of Engine 2 with a new pumper at a cost of \$466,000, to be financed over a period of 10 years
 - Replacement of Rescue 2 with a used heavy rescue vehicle at a cost of \$150,000, to be purchased outright

Preliminary Discussion on FY2018 Budget Development

- See very draft budget and staff analysis for FY2018
- The intent is to find areas of emphasis to focus on as budget is developed

Preliminary Discussion on 2017 Town Meeting Warning Development

- See very draft warning for 2017 Town Meeting including charter change articles and a new item for the support of Cross Vermont Trail
- The school meeting is, based on the every-other-year standard plan, scheduled to go first in 2017; the School Board would like to go first; the Selectboard should decide if it has a problem with this

Appointments

- **Zoning Administrator (12/8/16-12/7/17)**
 - Bruce Johnson
- **Acting Zoning Administrator (1/1/17-12/31/17)**
 - Gene Troia

Town Administrator Report

- Concept of Making EM a Sanctuary Town:
 - A resident has asked that the board consider this possibility and would like to know the steps involved to make it happen
- Energy Planning Standards Training Opportunity:
 - The Department of Public Service and Central VT Regional Planning Commission are hosting a training session on the new energy planning standards on December 14th, 6-8 p.m. at the Brown Public Library in Northfield
- Update on Park 'n Ride Facility:
 - We have received the necessary VTrans access permit, so we're all clear to finalize the plans; the intent is to get the project out to bid in January/February 2017
 - You can see that a variety of trees on the site have been flagged for removal; this needs to be done by March 31st and is the town's responsibility
- Meeting Schedule:
 - December 16th 5:00 pm Town Volunteer Appreciation Party
 - December 19th 6:00 pm Selectboard regular meeting; hearing on fire district merger
 - January 2nd 6:00 pm Selectboard regular meeting; hearing on fire district merger
 - January 16th 6:00 pm At ESF: SB regular meeting; hearing on charter amendments
 - January 30th 6:30 pm Selectboard special meeting; final budget/warning approvals

Zoning Administrator Report

- No new permit applications since November 21, 2016
- No DRB meeting scheduled