

Selectboard Memo
December 29, 2020 SB Meeting

Emergency Meeting

- **Called under 1 V.S.A. §312 (c)(3)**
 - **Emergency meetings may be held without public announcement, with posting of notices, and without 24-hour notice to members, provided some public notice thereof is given as soon as possible before any such meeting. Emergency meetings may be held only when necessary to respond to an unforeseen occurrence or condition requiring immediate attention by the public body**
- **The Freightliner purchase is an unforeseen opportunity to remedy a public safety issue and very time sensitive; the EMFD budget item is to complete a contracted public safety budget issue in a timely manner immediately after a condition precedent was fulfilled (the Calais Selectboard unexpectedly approved the budget requests last night)**

Consideration of Purchase of a Used 2012 Freightliner Truck Decommissioned from Barre Town Fleet

- The town has the opportunity to purchase a 2012 Freightliner 6-wheel truck for use as a replacement pavement/salt route plow truck; our 2015 International remains in the shop due to the blown head gasket and related engine issues; even when it comes back, its reliability/dependability is now very much in question; the Freightliner, a decommissioned (on schedule) Barre Town truck, is available for \$38,000 (to Barre Town) plus a small (\$600 or so) repair bill at Clark's Service Center (where the truck now is located; it is listed for sale at \$48,950 on the Clark's used inventory); Barre Town is waiting on our check tomorrow; we'll be handed the title and then can go pick up the vehicle from Clark's
- If the board is amenable to the deal, it should authorize the purchase from the capital reserve fund and approve this evening's warrant

Consideration of the EMFD FY2022 Ambulance & Emergency Services Budget Request

- The East Montpelier Fire Department's FY2022 budget request:

Service	Calais		East Montpelier		Total	
	FY2022 Request	% Increase over FY21	FY2022 Request	% Increase over FY21	FY2022 Request	% Increase over FY21
Fire	\$ 61,038	-5.9%	\$122,076	-5.9%	\$183,114	-5.9%
Ambulance	\$111,580	17.3%	\$223,159	17.3%	\$334,739	17.3%
Town Total	\$172,618	7.9%	\$345,235	7.9%	\$517,853	7.9%

The ambulance service budget includes other revenue items: contracted amounts from Plainfield (\$53,624, up 3% from FY2021) and Marshfield (\$43,709, up 3%) but nothing from off-the-top EMFD ambulance service revenue (down \$15,000).

Total FY2022 Ambulance Service Budget: \$432,072 (up 9.4% from FY2021)
Total FY2022 All Services Budget: \$615,186 (up 4.3% from FY2021)

- At its December 28, 2020 meeting the Calais Selectboard approved the operating budget requests as presented
- This item is included in this emergency meeting due to the unexpected Calais approval coupled with the desire to give EMFD clarity on this issue; if board members are concerned about the sufficiency of public notice for this item, the item can be tabled until the January 11, 2021 board meeting or the board can make a decision and then consider ratification of the decision at the January 11th meeting

Warrants

➤ December 29, 2020 Regular Warrant for Approval

- **This item is necessary only if the board approved the \$38,000 purchase of the 2012 Freightliner truck**
- Just like other recent warrants, this evening's warrant, which is comprised solely of the Freightliner purchase check to Barre Town, needs to be approved as normal, which generally is shown by a quorum of board member signatures; given our current limitations, the board should once again approve the warrant and authorize Chair Gardner to sign to that effect

Town Administrator Report

• Meeting Schedule:

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| ○ January 11, 2021 | 6:30 pm | Selectboard "special" (rescheduled) regular meeting |
| ○ January 14, 2021 | 7:00 pm | AT&T cell tower public information meeting |
| ○ January 18, 2021 | 6:30 pm | Selectboard regular meeting |
| ○ January 25, 2021 | 6:30 pm | Selectboard special meeting |