

Sept. 13, 2021

Calais Selectboard
East Montpelier Selectboard

The East Montpelier Fire Department board of directors has reviewed the proposed changes to the Interlocal Agreement and is presenting the following counter proposal.

Transparency:

We have heard the Calais selectboards concern and interest in transparency, and we agree that the fire department budget should be offered to residents for review but still remain as part of the selectman's budget. In that spirit, we have proposed to have all budget documents included in the town report (as East Montpelier currently does) and have the fire department provide a presentation at town meeting to explain any questions which arise during the reports specified in Article 2 in Calais. ("To ask questions about town boards and officers")

Review and Non-Renewal:

We also offer a different approach for review and non-renewal. We have proposed an annual Interlocal Agreement review as part of the annual budget meeting in December and maintain the annual automatic renewal of the contract. In the event of the need for change, we propose the 5-month notice of non-renewal with a mandate of meetings of the three parties to address the issues that have been brought forward.

We would like to meet with the two selectboards as soon as possible to continue this process and discussion toward resolution. We propose September 29th or September 30th at 6pm at East Montpelier Fire Department.

Regards,

Chief Ty Rolland