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### **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

**February 2, 2022**

Chairman Paight called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Nelson was present, and Selectman Pitt joined by phone. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

The Board discussed its understanding of the fire truck replacement and the funds that are currently available from the capital reserve and trust funds. Chief Manning joined the meeting at 10:25 am.

The Chief explained the two options being considered for the replacement of the fire truck, purchasing a new truck which is contingent upon the award of a FEMA grant that has been applied for. The grant is very competitive and would require a town match. The second option is to acquire the tanker the City of Keene is looking to replace. It is not guaranteed that we would get it, but it is an option. The tanker could be used as a pumper/tanker and could become a front-line piece. The truck being replaced is 32 years old. Chairman Paight asked if the old truck had any trade-in value, the Chief said not much. He also explained that if we do get the grant the old truck must be completely taken out of service. Whoever obtains it from the town could not use it for fire service.

The group then discussed the funding available for this purchase. The Fire Wards do not want to use any principal from the trust funds. They are building a 5-year capital needs plan and will have some other equipment needing replacement as well as some building projects like roof work and furnace replacement. The Board will include a warrant article for a bigger contribution to the capital reserve account this year.

The Board asked Chief Manning if the Fire Wards would share with the selectmen information about the truck replacement as well as a copy of the grant application. Chief Manning will be at the budget hearing and will be available to answer any questions.

Chief Manning left the meeting at 11:25 am.

The Board discussed the amount of the warrant article for the fire truck. For the budget hearing, they will increase the annual contribution from 10,000 to 50,000.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to approve the February 3, 2022, Accounts Payable Register in the amounts of \$3,939, the Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$715.39, and the Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$9,711.24, vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2022, vote to approve was 2-0-1 with Selectman Pitt abstaining as she was not at the meeting.

Chairman Paight updated the board on the Building Advisory Committee Meeting that was held on January 26, 2022.

The Board reviewed and signed the following items:

- Timber Tax Levy – 21-287-03-T
- Electrical permit applications – Charter Communications pole #117 & pole #32-140

Each selectman has a copy of the revised Employee Handbook and draft Community Power Plan for review.

The Board reviewed the draft handout for the budget hearing.

Selectman Nelson moved and Chairman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 pm, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Smith, Town Administrator