



## Town of Effingham

### Selectmen's Office

68 School Street  
Effingham, New Hampshire 03882

## Board of Selectmen's Work Session Minutes January 12, 2024

Present: Chairman Espie, Selectman Racine, Selectman Seamans, Fire Chief Harmon, Dan Felix, and Administrative Assistant Pitts

### Call to Order:

Chairman Espie called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

### Town Repeater:

Fire Chief Harmon explains to the Board the use of the Town Repeater and how it will allow for the department to communicate on different sides of the mountain.

Chief Harmon stated the Repeater would allow the Fire Department to communicate with the Police Department and other departments.

Chief Harmon explains an additional portable could be provided to the Road Contractor during storms.

Chief Harmon informs the Board that the repeater has been signed off by Chuck Fuller.

Chief Harmon stated that he and Sergeant Eldridge had tested the connection.

Chief Harmon stated the total of the repeater to cost \$19,000.

Chairman Espie made a motion to include the antenna repeater on 4901 in the amount of \$19,000, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

### Fire Truck Refurbishment:

Chief Harmon answers questions provided by Budget Committee Chair Strauss:

- Putting verbiage in the contract if the pump is replaced prior to the truck refurbishment, Chief Harmon has not received a response from the vendors in the timeframe.
- If there is a Mutual Aid call, Engine 2 is the truck that goes on the call as it has the most water. Chief Harmon states there is nothing that requires the Town to have one, but it puts the Town in a bad place with Mutual Aid Partners.
- The Tanker was used approximately 50 times in 2022, and 35 in 2023.

Chief Harmon explains the company will replace the transfer case.

Chief Harmon discussed the Little Pumper, Engine 3 which has a 400-gallon engine with a compressed air foam system where Engine 2 contains 3,000 gallons of water.

Chief Harmon sent an email to the bidders requesting warranty information.

David Strauss recommends getting clarification on rebuilding the pump.

Chief Harmon requests \$250,000 for the truck refurbishment and has a list of equipment the department wants on the truck.

Companies Dingee and Autotronics do not have a time limit on their estimate, but company Lexis does.

Chief Harmon states companies will not start work until March of 2025. Harmon clarified if the contract is also signed in 2025, it could delay the start of the fire truck refurbishment.

Selectman Racine asked about the year wait for a pump and if it's not known until the company takes the truck it could be two years without the truck. Chief Harmon stated it could potentially.

Chief Harmon answered questions provided by Selectman Racine:

- For mileage, the truck has 20,555 miles, 1,478 engine hours, and 304 pump hours.
- For the Diamond Plate, Chief Harmon stated it was the intention to take the diamond plate off and repolish as there is some corrosion.

Chief Harmon stated that the addition to the truck will be reflective chevrons as it does not have them at this time.

Chief Harmon mentions looking over the purchasing policy and sending the truck refurbishment out for bid.

David Strauss recommends the Board approve an amount, but list in the warrant verbiage to not exceed said amount. Strauss also states the funds will be coming out of the Capital Reserve Fund and is to not raise taxation.

Chief Harmon discusses the safety concerns with the current pump layout.

The Board gives the idea of selling the Mini Pumper, Engine 3. Harmon states Engine 3 is the only truck that can fit into Station 1 and that it could potentially raise Homeowner's insurance.

Chairman Espie made a motion to approve the 4901 warrant article for the Fire Truck refurbishment in the amount of \$250,000, seconded by Selectman Seamans. Motion passed (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Caitlyn Pitts

Dated: February 3, 2024

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Leonard Espie

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Chris Seamans

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