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Selectmen Meeting 7/12/2022
Approved Minutes

Present: Remotely by telephone Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charles Moser, John Suiter and Accountant Brenda Wiley; In-person Admin Asst Jen Tenney, Fire Chief Tony Burns

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Charles Moser acting as chair, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above. Have it noted that Selectmen Chair Kate Batcheller was originally unable to attend the meeting due to travel and joined the meeting at 7:33pm after Selectman Charles Moser, acting as chair, called the meeting to order.

Under RSA 91-A:2-III(a) the members of the public body will be participating in the meeting other than by attendance in person at the location of the meeting as such attendance is not reasonably practical. Selectman Kate Batcheller is out of state; Selectmen Charles Moser and John Suiter are unable to attend due to illness. Per RSA 91-A:2-II(b) only emergency matters that need immediate action before the physical presence of a quorum is reasonably practical will be addressed. Per RSA 91-A:3-II(c) Admin Assistant Jen Tenney is at the location specified in the meeting notice and each member participating electronically are able to simultaneously hear each other and speak to each other during the meeting. All members participating electronically have identified no other persons are present in the location from which they are participating.

Approvals:

- Noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests had been reviewed and approved prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of 6/28/2022 BOS / HWY meeting, 6/28/2022 BOS / FD meeting and 6/28/2022 BOS meeting will be reviewed at the next scheduled Selectmen meeting due to a quorum of members present at said meetings not present this evening.

New Business:

- Residents Wendy Sue Avery, Dennis Avery, Debbie Horan and Jack McGrath were in attendance to issue a complaint against the Driving Range. This not being of emergent matter will not be addressed at this meeting.
- The emergent matter to discuss is the purchase of a command vehicle for the Fire Department. The funds allocated by the Locality Equipment Matching Program need to be in process by 12/31/2022. If they are not in process by that date, we may be responsible to pay back the grant or may be unable to get grants in the future.

There are very limited vehicles in available inventory at this time, and if a vehicle is ordered it likely would not be in process until 2023. Ford cannot guarantee us a purchase of a 2023 vehicle if we decide to order a vehicle once the 2023 models are released. At this time there is a Ford Expedition in stock at McGovern Auto Sales in Massachusetts. There would be no associated sales tax since the vehicle is being registered in New Hampshire.

The quote for radio equipment for the command vehicle will increase if we do not sign the quote given to Fire Chief Burns by 7/15/2022.

The estimated total cost of the Ford Expedition at McGovern Auto Sales, radio equipment and lettering is \$70,266.75. The funds of the Locality Equipment Matching Program grant are \$50,000.00. Accountant Brenda Wiley explains the remaining \$20,266.75 will need to be taken out of the Fire Department Capital Reserve Account. There will be roughly \$110k left in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Account for the future purchase of a fire truck.

Selectmen discussed the use of the Fire Department Capital Reserve funds for a command vehicle. Selectman John expresses consent to the purchase of a command vehicle with Fire Department Capital Reserve funds as a command vehicle will get a lot of use; as well as the need of a command vehicle for the Fire Department. Selectman Charlie expresses consent to the purchase of a command vehicle with Fire Department Capital Reserve funds as we wouldn't hesitate to use these funds if any other Fire Department equipment was needed. Selectman Kate agrees with both Selectmen.

Charlie motions to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Expedition from McGovern Auto Sales with a radio package from Modular Communications for the total of \$70,266.75 with \$1,000.00 added buffer for incidentals for a total of \$71,266.75, second from Kate. Roll call vote, Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

Charlie motions to have the Board of Selectmen authorize Fire Chief Tony Burns to sign the radio agreement quote from Modular Communications for the command vehicle at a cost of \$17,983.05, second from Kate. Roll call vote, Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

Adjournment: There being no further emergency business, Charlie motioned to adjourn, second from Kate. Roll call vote Kate-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tenney

BOS Administrative Assistant