



**Office of Board of Selectmen
Town of Mason**

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Selectmen / FD Meeting 5/23/2023

Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney; Accountant Brenda Wiley; Fire Chief Tony Burns

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

- Reviewed current year-to-date budget. Chief would like to use funds from line item #4220-50 (Waterhole Maintenance) to offset the fuel overage of line item #4220-43 (Fuel). Charlie motioned to move \$1999 from line item #4220-50 to line item #4220-43; second from Kate. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- Chief updated that no surrounding town has a fuel/vehicle reimbursement for volunteers that attend calls. Mason is the only town in the area that handles EMS calls (67% of calls are EMS calls). The possibility of mileage reimbursement will be discussed during the 2024 budget discussion.
- Chief also updated that the donated radios are waiting to be assessed and programmed; this will likely be done in the fall.
- The CodeRED onboarding progress was reviewed.
- Chief plans to have a booth with volunteers, blood pressure readings and information regarding CodeRED at the June summer kick-off event.
- Reviewed calls, training and attendance to both.
- Chief reached out to Red Cross regarding a partnership where Red Cross will look at smoke detectors in the homes of our residents and help to update them if needed. More information about this will be provided at the summer kick-off event.
- Red Cross will also be put on the first alarm call list so that they are able to reach out to Mason to offer assistance if we ever reach a first alarm level.

- Chief asked the Selectmen for authorization to apply for grants that don't require matching funds; Selectmen are in favor of this. Chief will plan to propose matching funds grants during the budget review season.
- The 2001 Cascade compressor was discussed; it is currently working, however, is outdated and no parts are currently available. If the compressor stops working, Chief will need to get air canisters which would be very costly. A new compressor will cost ~\$71k. We currently have a pending AFG grant that may allow us to receive a new compressor for no cost; we will likely know the result of this in June. There is an opportunity to get an updated, used, compressor for only the moving and installation cost of \$2500. Selectmen discussed that they will approve this if the company that inspected the used compressor will include an all-inclusive three-year warranty of the compressor; if not the Selectmen elect to wait on replacing the compressor. Chief will look into this.
- Chief updated that he is hoping to replace Engine 4 in 2025 as the clutch will not disengage. This repair costs ~\$35k. Chief will put together a committee to look into options for this replacement, as well as work with Accountant Brenda Wiley to look at lease options vs bonding for 2024.
- Chief shared business cards that were made for the Fire Department and EMS. Jen asked if other department cards could be made for use at the Mann House. Selectmen are in favor of looking into the cost of this after July 1st, 2023.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Tenney
BOS Administrative Assistant