

# Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

December 27, 2021

In Attendance: Gavin Ryan, David Persons, Ronald Bocash and Brian Dubie

Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie

Town Clerk: Linda Hodet

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Former Town Administrator: Jonathan DeLaBruere

Secretary: David/Melissa

Visitors: Laura Fulwiler

1. Maurice Jettie opened with a discussion on truck estimates. Prices are still good. Delivery date moved to June. Both dealers will honor previous quotes. \$155,650 for the Freightliner. \$156,000 from Clarks. Warranties are similar.
2. Brian reported that Efficiency Vermont will send a representative on January 11 to survey all the Town buildings to include, garage, fire department, Common School, Chesters and the old Town Clerk building
3. Maurice has estimates for new garage doors around \$12,000. To replace all 7 doors it will be around \$39,000.
4. Estimate for 2000gal chloride spray tank is \$10K. It includes the pump and spray bar. Will fit into existing truck body.
5. Resident on Duffy Hill complained that plow pushed stone onto his lawn. This is in the Town right of way, so no municipal action is needed.
6. Moe and Cathy submitted two Better Backroad Grants: North Rd culvert and Lapland blasting. Will need a 20% match.
7. Laura Fulwiler came on behalf of Bent Northrop Memorial Library. Laura presented information about Friends of BNML, and discussion points for Town Meeting Articles. Laura asked that 2 articles be included on the warrant for Town Meeting: one to establish a reserve fund and one to deposit the surplus into the reserve fund.
8. Linda Hodet suggested a lump sum appropriation for warnings.

**Brian Dubie made a motion to purchase a 2022 Freightliner from Charlebois for up to \$158,000 including trade in. Ron Bocash seconded. All in favor.**

**Brian made a motion to include the following in the Warning: Shall the BNML establish a reserve fund to be called the Library Capital Reserve Fund to be solely used for the library. Gavin seconded. Brian, Gavin and David in favor. Ron abstained.**

**Brian made a motion to include the following in the warning: Shall the BNML deposit up to \$5000 of 2021 Library Fund surplus to fund the Library Reserve Fund. Seconded by David. All in favor.**

9. Budget review commenced with the desire to keep the increase as close to 3% as possible. There was a big increase in insurance. Budget for 2020 was \$48K and

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actual will be \$66K, budget for 2022 is \$72K. Jonathan recommends getting a price comparison from PACIF.

**Brian Dubie made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss road crew salaries. Gavin seconded. All in favor. Brian made a motion to exit. Gavin seconded. All in favor. Discussion only.**

10. Budget meeting to be continued on Wed., December 29 at 10am. Cathy to provided updated proposed budget and YTD numbers.
11. Pumpkin village Road dog issue. MM to write a letter to the parties involved.

**Dave made a motion to allow David to handle the Pumpkin Village Road dog issue. Ron seconded. All in favor.**

12. Brian made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded. All in favor.
13. Ron made a motion to approve the warrants. David seconded. All in favor.
14. Cathy reports that Pat Malone is working on a Planning Grant for the Community Center.
15. Brian made a motion to adjourn. Ron seconded. All in favor.