

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**AUGUST 17, 2015**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**7:00 P.M.**

The following minutes are considered to be draft minutes until approved by the Board.

Selectmen present: Chairman, Don Hill; Leigh Callaway and George McCusker.

Others present: Peter Abair, Road Agent.

Don called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He asked Pete for his thoughts on the truck.

Pete stated he preferred to proceed with a replacement truck. In addition to the blown engine, the white truck needs a radiator, rear springs, tires and windshield. There has been over \$3,000 in repair spent already this year. There is no way to know what other problems may be found until the engine is torn apart. The money already spent, the other work that needs doing, and the cost to repair the engine not knowing what other involved costs, are more than the truck is worth. Freightliner has a used 2003 truck for \$21,500 and will allow \$5,000 for a trade-in. The replacement truck will be equipped with a wing and plow. Pete will keep the wing and plow from the existing truck to have as a spare. Freightliner brought the truck down for the highway department to look at and drive. Bryan O'Day, and Darrin Patten, (both mechanics) have also looked at the truck.

There was more discussion as to pros and cons of whether to rebuild the current truck or replace it.

Leigh noted he has done a preliminary review of the operating budget and he believes money could be transferred within departments to cover the purchase. There is no line-item appropriation for the highway department to buy a new vehicle so the Selectmen and Budget Committee need to seek approval for an emergency expenditure from the Department of Revenue.

Don noted if the conclusion is to proceed with a replacement vehicle, the Selectmen's decision starts the process for the budget committee to meet and make their recommendation to the DRA.

Motion made by George to proceed with the purchase of the Freightliner, trading in the white truck, not including the plow and wing, with a bottom line price of \$16,500. The motion was seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Janet will be in touch with the Budget Committee to schedule a meeting.

Leigh reported that someone placed an object with Freon in the dumpster and the town got an extra charge added to the collection fee. He has checked with the highway department and will check with the fire department.

Don noted he sent out a letter, regarding the dogs on Hogg Hill Road. The owner has responded to him. She will appear before the Planning Board at their next meeting to review the regulations.

Leigh stated he will work on some spreadsheets for the budget committee. He is confident he can demonstrate that the \$16,500 can be found somewhere within the operating budget. It will not come from shim and seal.

Signatures were obtained for the MS-1 extension and the MS 535.

The Board moved to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 – Personnel.

At 8:45 the Board voted to enter back into public session and to seal the non-public minutes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts,  
Administrative Assistant