

TOWN OF ELMORE, VT
Special Select Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – prepared by G. Schwartz
Status: Revised 3-18-19

Meeting Date: January 29, 2019

Start Time: 6:30 pm

Adjourn: 9:30pm

Meeting Attendees: [See Attached List](#)

A. Special Topic:

1. Discussion: Fire Engine Purchase

- a) The statute for petitioned articles at Town Meeting was reviewed.
- b) The Select board accepted the petition for the request for purchase of a fire truck and Warning was approved
- c) C. DeVore asked the Fire Department for an equipment plan for the next 10 years. This plan would be used to determine if additional fund need to be put away on a yearly basis for future fire department purchases.
- d) The insurance cost impact of new truck was discussed. G. Schwartz to discuss with Sharon Draper.
- e) The Fire Department utilization rate for truck was discussed as per the attached utilization sheet.
- f) C. DeVore asked the Fire Department to report on their progress on evaluating alternative purchase plans. The need to present an alternative plan for the Town was discussed including the possibility of purchasing a used truck.
- g) The possibility of retaining an independent company to study this type of purchase and weigh in with a county-level view of how departments are planning for an supporting this type of investment was discussed.
- h) R. Wills stated that the Select Board does not want the Fire Department driving a truck that is unsafe. The Fire Department is to evaluate and determine if the existing truck is to be utilized.
- i) The last truck purchased by the Fire Department occurred in 2010. That truck was financed for a period of 5 years.
- j) The approximate value of the new truck is \$370,000.00. Assuming a down payment of \$90,000.00 and financing the remaining \$280,000.00 for a period of 10 years, the cost to the Town of Elmore would be approximately \$35,000.00/year based on an interest rate of 4.27%.

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k) It was decided that two informational meetings will be held to answer questions on this article. They will be held on the following dates;

- **Tuesday, February 19, 2019** at six o'clock (6:00) in the evening (p.m.) at the Town Office in the Town of Elmore and,
- **Tuesday, February 26, 2019** at seven o'clock (7:00) in the evening (p.m.) at the Elmore Fire Dept. in the Town of Elmore.

These meetings will provide additional information on the proposed purchase of a Fire truck and related town budget and estimated tax impact. The content discussed in each meeting will be the same. Two meeting times will be offered to give Elmore residents multiple opportunities to ask questions and gain additional information.

EFD Stats	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fire - Structure	3	2	0	1	4
Fire - Car	1	0	0	1	0
Fire - Vegetation	2	0	2	0	0
Fire - Other	3	1	0	0	1
CO	4	3	1	3	0
Fire Alarm	7	1	0	1	2
Medical	1	1	1	1	3
Car Accident	5	3	2	2	5
Other	0	0	2	1	3
Total	26	11	8	10	17