

Town of Newington, NH
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 24, 2018 Town Hall

Chair John Lamson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Present: John Lamson, Chair; Katherine Latchaw, William Wright, Sandy Sweeney, Jack O'Reilly, School Board Rep, Ted Connors-Selectmen's Rep, E.J. Hoyt, Assistant Fire Chief, Darin Sabine, Deputy Fire Chief, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

J. Lamson explained that this meeting was considered a second mid-year review, it can be called because of an emergency or an opportunity. The Selectmen have the authority to expend out of the Capital Reserve funds, but they have asked the Budget Committee for their review and recommendation to insure all are aware and in agreement with this request.

Fire Department Ladder Truck Proposal:

J. O'Reilly moved to recommend the purchase of a 2003 E-One ladder truck and hose package for \$43,800. This will be accomplished by trading in the current 1999 Seagrave Ladder truck. S. Sweeney seconded the motion.

EJ Hoyt explained that the current ladder truck, the 1999 Seagrave, does not have a pump or tank and only has a 250 lb tip load which means that only one firefighter can be on the end of the ladder at a time, not including a victim. The outriggers require a 17-foot width for set up. In the last two years \$10,000 has been spent on maintenance of the 1999 laddertruck.. The previous owners of the Seagrave ladder truck are willing to buy it back for \$290,000. The Fire Department would like to replace that truck with a 2003 E-One 95' Platform Ladder Truck for \$325,000, for a net "out of pocket" expense of \$35,000 with an additional \$8,800 expense for a large diameter supply hose (LDH). The current ladder truck has no LDH. The total funds requested from the Capital Reserve Fund are \$43,800. The 2003 truck is being refurbished now and D. Sabine believes that there is an 8-10-year window before the Town would have to refurb the new truck again. This truck comes with a 1-year warranty. Portsmouth, Dover and Rye all have E-One trucks. The service is great and there are repair centers for the E-One in Maine and MA.

J. Lamson called for a vote on the Fire Truck Purchase. All were in favor.

J. O'Reilly moved to adjourn at 7:37pm. Katherine Latchaw seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

**Eleanor Boy
Recorder**