

**Town of Turner
Board of Selectmen
August 12, 2019 Special Meeting**

Present: Kurt Youland, *Chair*, Angelo Terreri, *Vice Chair*, Warren Hood, Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Town Manager Kurt Schaub, Fire Chief Nathan Guptill, Fire Department Equipment Officer Dan Stevens

1. Call to Order. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the General Turner Hill Road Fire/Rescue Barn.

2. Fire Department Equipment Inspections - Mr. Youland noted the purpose of the meeting was to review the condition of the Fire Department's current vehicles. On completion of inspections at General Turner Hill, the group moved on to the North Station (Boofy Quimby). Summary is as follows:

1997 Ford Mini-Pumper – Not viewed – presently stored at South Station. Truck was originally built to be a 2-wheel drive ambulance, was converted for fire with addition of tank and pump, plus 4-wheel drive conversion. Was used as primary vehicle for responding to accidents and had signage, extrication tools and other accident gear on board until latest problem (exhaust manifold) developed. Many repairs in last few years and not heavy enough for all it is asked to do. Presently out of service, but could respond to calls in vicinity of Fern Street. Chief Guptill would like to retire this vehicle.

2002 Ford – Former Ambulance – Former Rescue Department ambulance that now responds to accidents with extrication tools, signs, etc. Unpredictable transmission fluid leak. Chief Guptill would like to retire this vehicle.

2006 Chevrolet K3500 – Utility vehicle, used for hauling side by side and woods gear on flatbed body. Runs well.

2000 Freightliner – Engine 1 – Primary response truck. Generally good condition but pump will need rebuilding (\$15,000 +/-) soon.

2002 International – Tanker – Underpowered, very slow going up hills, recent electrical malfunction – had to be towed back to station from scene.

1992 International – Engine 7 – Good pump, runs well, good storage. Biggest problem is finding drivers to handle six speed manual transmission with two speed rear. Also slow when loaded, and long wheelbase means it needs substantial room to turn around. General repairs needed on compartment doors.

1991 Hendrick – Engine 92 – Former FDNY vehicle that rolled over and was rebuilt. Runs and drives well, but pump is weakest (\$15,000 +/-). Cab-over chassis allows to maneuver well.

Chief Guptill would like to dispose of Mini-Pumper, former ambulance and Engine 7 and replace with a Rescue Pumper, which would be the primary response vehicle for accidents. He and Mr. Stevens said maintenance and repair records are sketchy, and they plan to have safety inspections in the near future to they have a baseline on which to base future repair decisions.

3. Executive Session – Following the equipment inspections, the Selectmen reconvened at 7:40 p.m. at the Town Office. Motion, second and unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E), to discuss a notice of pending legal action. Motion, second and unanimous vote to exit Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Motion, second and vote (three in favor, two opposed) to have Mr. Schaub forward notification to counsel Jamie Belleau in the event future action materializes.

4. Adjourn – Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt E. Schaub
Town Manager