

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING
6:00PM**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Kurt Youland and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present were Warren Hood, Steve Maheu, Kevin Nichols, Kurt Youland, Kurt Schaub, Lisa Bennett and Nicholas Merry.
2. **Firetruck Repairs:** Lisa Bennett said the Selectmen approved a quote for the firefighting water pump to be replaced on the department's 2000 Freightliner at Reliance Equipment in Vassalboro, at a cost of between \$11,000 and \$13,000. Reliance started the job and found that the chain casing also needed replacement, which will bring the total cost of repairs up to \$20,000. Nick said the company is about \$3,000 into the project now, and the truck has some other issues including rust on the frame. Lisa said that Jesse at Murray's said the frame will probably go another two years. Kurt Youland said the truck needs to be replaced but that he's not in favor of doing that now – that he'd rather raise the funds over the next two years. Warren asked if we can talk to Reliance and see if we can get the cost down. He volunteered to go there with Nick and speak with them, hopefully to negotiate. Kurt Youland read a message from Angelo Terreri in which he said he would like to hold a Special Town Meeting and appropriate from the Fund Balance to purchase a used replacement truck. Nick shared information on three used trucks currently on the market, none of which was a Pumper/Tanker, which is what the department really believes is needed. Kevin said he'd rather see the truck fixed and build the department's reserve by \$300,000 over the next two years. Steve and Warren also said they thought the truck should be repaired – that the truck will at least have some value once it's repaired. Motion, second and unanimous vote for Warren, Nick and Kurt Youland to speak with Reliance about the cost of repairs, to keep an eye out for an appropriate replacement unit, to fund the current repairs through the department's budget and pull funds from the reserve account if needed at year end. Consideration should also be given to selling the former south Fire Station on Fern Street, with the proceeds going into the Equipment Reserve.
3. **Adjournment:** Motion, second and unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt E. Schaub
Town Manager