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Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, November 18, 1991

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman, Philip Dwight, Dave Boule', and Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Phil moved to accept the minutes of November 4. Second Dave. All in favor, so moved.

Mike Beauchamp, Fire Chief discussed his proposed budget. The selectmen reduced the request to \$36,000 which is an increase of \$200 from the 1991 approved budget.

The Fire Dept. is requesting a warrant to purchase a truck. The last figure quoted to Mike was for \$113,000. Mike pointed out a lease purchase was possible and the truck they were looking at had a special cab which will carry three men.. The Selectmen questioned the need for a truck at this time. Since the Town does participate in Mutual Aid, is it necessary for the Town to have new equipment at two stations? Dave Boule' will check out the equipment which the department wishes to replace.

Phil pointed out the Capital Improvement Program which was adopted last year made no mention of the Fire Department anticipating the need for a new piece of equipment this year.

In 1994, Mike expects the Fire Dept. to request about \$40,000 to rebuild the 1979 truck. He believes once they have one new truck and rebuild the 1979 truck, the Town will not require another major expenditure on vehicles for twelve years.

Before the end of the year, new equipment will be purchased for the department. (pants, coats, boots etc.)

Mike projected a request for \$25,000 to finish the upstairs of the fire station in 1993. The firemen were willing to run a drive to acquire the needed funds, but since any revenue received for the rental of the upper hall would have to go through the Town books and not directly to the department, they will request the funds from the Town.

Brian Brown, Police Chief, reviewed his monthly report. He explained the dispatch service charges to the selectmen. There was some question as to Antrim paying for the 911 number and Bennington not paying any part of the cost.

Brian requested executive session to discuss personnel. Dave moved to grant the executive session per RSA 91:A 3:2a. Second, Phil. All in favor. So moved.

Selectmen resumed there regular meeting. There was no information available from the executive session.

A warrant for the collection of yield taxes was signed, as well as, CUT application for the Fowler property, insurance forms, a bill of sale for the dump body and the approved abatement for the Ruoff property. (Abatement granted for trailer removed in 1990 and not taken off the assessment).

Secretary gave a quick run down of some information received at the Municipal Association Convention last week.

Phil moved to adjourn at 10:40. Second, Dave. All in favor. So moved. ems