

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Work Session MINUTES
August 12, 2010**

PRESENT: JAMES L. STEWART, CHAIRMAN; RICHARD H. HARTUNG, SELECTMAN; PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; HAROLD WILLIAMS, TREASURER, MICHAEL CARRIER, FIRE CHIEF, JON WORTHEN, ROAD AGENT, PENNY WILLIAMS, PRESS

The meeting was called to order at 2:50pm

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the Fire Chief and Treasurer the best way to fund the new quint. Chief Carrier explained the process they went through with the bids. They made certain specifications they wanted in the truck and asked for each company to bid on a custom made truck, a spec truck and a demo truck. When they received the bids, they reviewed all the specs and added or deleted specs from each truck in order to come up even on all four bids. They found the cost of the items and added or subtracted the bid amount. Chief Carrier stated that he has been in contact with 3 of the 4 bidders asking what they could do to adjust the truck to the specifications. Overall Greenwood is the low bidder and had most of the items on the vehicle bid that they needed. It was noted that it was less costly to get a custom truck, than to add all the extras to a spec or demo truck. Chief Carrier was asked if there were items that he could do without on the truck. He responded that there is about \$10,000 worth of items that can wait until 2011, such as painting the name. He emphasized that the town is getting a great deal and that it is only costing them around \$88,000 for a \$550,000 truck. Selectman Lindquist had concerns with the bid results. If a bid was opened at \$580,000 why did he go back and talk with the vendors, that destroys the bidding process. Chief Carrier offered to sit down with her to explain what they did, and emphasized that they did not jeopardize the bidding process. The grant from Homeland Security states that the quint must be received by May 2011. There is a 210 day time frame needed to build the truck.

Selectman Hartung asked what happens if the truck company were to go into Chapter 11. Chief Carrier stated that there is a requirement of a performance bond as well as a penalty clause if the delivery date is not met.

Chief Carrier has gone over his budget and with the items he can put off until next year, such as new dress uniforms, he can come up with \$25,000. There was some questions about the \$10,000 that is being held off the truck until 2011. Chief Carrier would have to put that money into his budget next year. Mrs. Harrington stated that she went through the Town's budget and found some places that have money left over for purposes that have already happened such as the town report balance. Mr. Williams suggested that we don't use the budget money because it is unknown what might be needed. If we prepay the truck, there is a 3.25% reduction or \$18,000. Mr. Williams said that he believes he could find the money and that it was a win for the town. With the money being saved we could still be ahead of the game if he has to borrow. His primary stipulation is that the performance bond be reviewed by Town Counsel. To prepay it would be \$427,791 from the town with Homeland Security giving \$118,750 up front and the balance of the \$475,000 near delivery. The town would at that point have no further payments. Mr. Williams stated that he will make the money work so that it could be prepaid and the discount of \$18,000 to be taken.

Selectman Hartung motioned to purchase the quint from Greenwood Apparatus with the payment up front as outlined by Chief Carrier with the recommendation of Treasurer Williams. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Matters:

Mrs. Harrington noted that the signing of the Sanborn property land purchase is coming up and that one of the Selectmen needs to be authorized to sign for the town.

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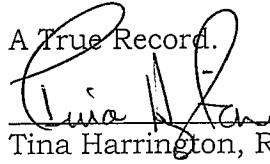
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Selectman Lindquist motioned to allow Chairman Stewart to sign on behalf of the Town of Hampstead for the Sanborn property. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

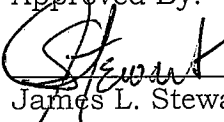
Selectman Hartung made a motion to adjourn at 3:28p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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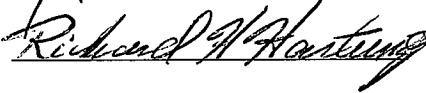


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

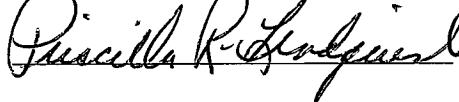
Approved By:



James L. Stewart, Chairman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman