

New Durham Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 16, 2017
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NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
New Durham Town Hall
January 16, 2017, 3:00p.m.

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Present

Chair David Bickford
Selectman David Swenson
Selectman Gregory Anthes

Also Present:

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator
Cathy Orlowicz, resident
Peter Varney, Fire Chief
Kevin Ruel, Deputy Fire Chief
Michael Varney, Fire Captain
Neal Burns, Fire Lieutenant

Call to Order

Chair Bickford called the meeting to order at 3:06p.m.

Old Business

Ambulance Replacement

There was discussion about this being placed on the Town Warrant. Fire Chief Varney stated they are having issues with the current ambulance again. An estimate was presented to the Board of Selectmen for repairs in the amount of \$4,044. He noted the trade-in value is only \$3,500. The bid for the replacement ambulance was reviewed and discussed. The terms of payment, bond and funding sources were discussed. There was discussion on the amount of bond to go with. It was agreed the bond is only needed to cover the \$50,000 deposit instead of the whole purchase price. Selectman Swenson stated he still hasn't seen a good comparison of repair costs to the old vehicle to the purchase of a new one. He also outlined other concerns about the vehicle. There was further discussion of the bid specification for a Dodge chassis as opposed to being open to other makes. It was agreed to ask the company to come back with a price with the lower bond coverage.

Chair Bickford made a motion to move forward with the purchase of a new ambulance under the Modular Ambulance Bid received from Sugarloaf Ambulance Rescue Vehicles of Houlton, Maine, and for the Fire Chief and Town Administrator to secure a draft contract for purchase, a performance bond for the chassis only and removal of the due date penalty, prepayment and use of a loaner ambulance. Said

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contract to be reviewed at the Board of Selectmen meeting of January 23, 2017.
Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Tax Rate

Town Administrator Kinmond distributed notes regarding why the Department of Revenue Administration recommended changes in the tax rate. There was discussion about the figures calculated by the DRA with regards to the road reconstruction project. There was also discussion of the reevaluation contract and long-term costs.

Warrant Articles

The draft warrant articles were reviewed and discussed. Town Administrator Kinmond asked if the Board of Selectmen wanted to set the tax rate prior to Town Meeting. It was agreed to review the warrant articles further at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Selectman Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Motion failed for lack of second.

Selectman Anthes asked about the interviews for the Building Inspector position and noted only two candidates were scheduled.

Selectman Anthes asked about the Wolfeboro TV issue. It was noted they have a five-year archive.

Adjourn

Selectman Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary