

Town of Fletcher Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Location: Fletcher Town Offices  
Meeting Date: 01/23/2023

Selectboard Members Present: Jon Bondy (chair), Matt Gillilan (Road Commissioner), Rich Bidwell, Matt Swartz (remote), and Bruce Douglas (recorded minutes)

Town Officials Present: Karrie Sweet, Town Clerk; and Aimee Tinker, Assistant Town Clerk

1. Began meeting at 7:05 pm
2. Discussed Road crew hourly pay rates, which are as follows:
  - a. Ed Lidster: \$24.50
  - b. Norman Rainville: \$26.00
  - c. Glen Packard: \$28.00
3. Discussion of budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 with Karrie Sweet – filled in outstanding numbers
  - a. Discussion of draft equipment replacement plan – Matt Gillilan explained that the plan is structured to get a roughly 7 years on each truck, therefore purchasing a. new truck every two to three years. The Town owns both 2020 International Dump Trucks (red & green) outright. The 2023 Truck is still being built. The draft equipment replacement plan will be revised with the following:
    - i. Need to add a column for 2028 truck
    - ii. Pay for 2025 truck over 5 years.
    - iii. Add asterisk \$70,000 trade on 2020 in trade on 2025 truck which would therefore be reduced from \$250K to \$180K
4. Discussion of Select Board report FY 2024 rough draft.
  - a. The \$97K increase in amount of taxes that need to be raised is primarily due to salaries and an approximately \$60,000 decrease in available surplus.
  - b. Jon Bondy has reviewed budgets in past town meeting reports – need to use actual expenditures, not the budgeted amounts.
  - c. Timeline for completion
5. Discussion of Listers with Karrie Sweet and Aimee Tinker
  - a. The Town received only one proposal in response to the Request for Proposal
  - b. That proposal was from Spencer Potter for \$19K total, with an estimate of 2 days per month and 27 days in the year.
  - c. The options are to take the proposal or coordinate with other towns.
  - d. The town has approximately 700 properties. Listers need to evaluate a third every year, which comes to over 200/year – may not be able to do that within 27 days.
  - e. The Selectboard approved accepting the proposal, pending a check of references and follow up conversation with Spencer Potter.
6. Discussed draft emergency medical services warrant article for Town meeting with Aimee Tinker
  - a. The Select Board instructed Aimee Tinker to talk to Vermont League of Cities and Towns about wording of warrant article

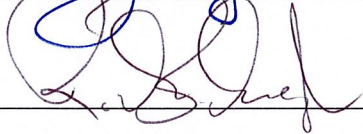
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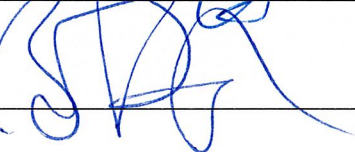
- b. The Select Board agreed to put CRS budget in town report
  - c. The Select Board revisited Fairfax Rescue Service's proposal to provide services in August 2022 with \$20,500 report, which includes Bakersfield First Response as an essential element of the proposal.
7. Aimee Tinker shared that the Fletcher Historical Society has been seeking estimates for the bathroom remodel, but only received one to date – with a cost estimate of \$91,000. The Historical Society is hoping this can be partially funded by ARPA. Rich Bidwell recommended reaching out to other contractors. Aimee will scan the one proposal received and distribute to Select Board. Aimee Tinker noted that the closing of the transfer of the old Town Garage parcel to the Fletcher Historical Society is scheduled for 1/30/2023
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

  
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Jon Bondy, Chair

  
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