



TOWN OF CASTINE
SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS & OVERSEER OF THE POOR
MEETING MINUTES

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Daniel Leader
(Zoom)

DATE: Friday, January 17, 2025

TIME: immediately following the T/G Mtg

PLACE: Holmes Heritage Room on MMA Campus

PRESENT: Roberta Boczkiewicz, Chair; Dan Leader (by phone) and Amy Gutow, Selectboard members; Derik Goodine, Town Manager; Karen Motycka, Finance Officer; Susan Macomber, Town Clerk

PUBLIC: Randy Stearns, Fire Chief, Scott Vogell, Harbormaster and Marc Pelletier.

Roberta Boczkiewicz opened the meeting at 9:50 AM (immediately following the T/G Mtg).
Quorum was confirmed.

Agenda:

Item 1. Roberta Boczkiewicz introduced discussions & possible approval for purchasing a new Fire Dept EMS Vehicle.

Randy Stearns, Fire Chief addressed. He handed a picture of the EMS Vehicle the Fire Dept would like to purchase.

- model developed about 3yrs ago to enhance EMS in Castine and get response time to be successful. Ambulance service comes from Blue Hill which takes an estimate 28 minutes.
- currently the Fire Dept's Crash vehicle is overloaded and aged out.
- A Squad vehicle was purchased several years ago but is now unable to be inspected.
- EMS personnel would have better access to equipment on the vehicle (outfitted with custom storage) and would have the ability to take the vehicle to places which would have a better presence within the community and assist with response time.
- estimate cost = \$76,000.

Discussion.

Dan asked what the average EMS response time is. Randy said every call/case is different. It primarily depends on where an EMS personnel member is located at the time of a call to get to the incident scene. This vehicle would also be helping to promote use and help with response time with a different approach (EMS personnel member takes vehicle with them). The CFRD

averagely saves 3-4 lives a year. Dan said saving lives is a big deal.

Amy asked about the plans for Squad. She said she knows Squad was bought used and did not spend a lot of money on it. Randy said Squad is failing and won't pass inspection. It needs to be replaced. Fire Dept members can fix it up over time and it can be used for other chores, such as, traffic control, traffic safety and/or as an apparatus blockade at incident to protect the scene and individuals.

Randy asked the Selectboard if he could meet with them sometime soon to discuss other topics:

- Witherle Woods
- Design elements for new Fire Station
- Cold Water Rescue
- Library
- Community Paramedicine
- MMA construction at Curtis Hall

Roberta said there will be a Work Session on Mon, 1/27 at 4PM and will start with Housing but asked everyone if 5PM could work to meet with Randy. All agreed.

Derik said meeting with Colliers was next week to go over further details and clarify on a few items having to do with the new Fire Station.

Karen Motycka said Selectboard budget work sessions would need to start soon as well.

Roberta Boczkiewicz made motion to approve the concept of purchasing a Fire Dept EMS Vehicle. Second by Amy Gutow.

Randy will get a deposit amount for Tues, 1/21 warrant. Karen confirmed there is a little over 160,000 in the Fire Vehicle Reserve Acct.

With no other discussion, Roberta asked for votes: Purchasing a new FD EMS Vehicle -- approved 3-0.

With no other business, Amy Gutow made motion to adjourn. Second by Roberta Boczkiewicz. Approved 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM.

Minutes by Susan Macomber, Town Clerk.