



TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thursday, November 15, 2012

Town Office Building

In attendance: Catherine Iino, Fred Dudek, Louis Annino, Jr. (by phone)

Visitors: Road Foreman Walter Adametz, Mechanic Jeremy Adametz

First Selectwoman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Walt Adametz presented a proposal for replacement of KW15, scheduled for this year.

Last year, we set aside \$155,000 in capital funds to replace KW15, a 1991 International with 52,000 miles on it, with a new truck.

Two recent developments have changed our plans.

First, the Highway Department has encountered numerous problems with KW3, a 2005 International with about 17,000 miles, and has lost confidence in that manufacturer and dealer. At the same time, new, Tier 4 emissions standards come into force on January 1, and Walt suggests that we not purchase the first round of engines reconfigured to meet the new standards. Both of these considerations make us think that this is not an opportune time to purchase a new truck.

Second, we recently discovered that both KW 15 and KW 8, our 1998 International with 34,000 miles, have cracks in their frames. KW 8 was not scheduled to be replaced until '18-'19 but cannot continue to operate that long with these cracks.



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Fortunately, the State of Connecticut is currently selling a number of used vehicles from its fleet. Walt and Jeremy have identified three vehicles that we can acquire for a total of \$1,900 (plus \$600-\$900 in shipping costs).

Walt recommended that, instead of purchasing a new truck at this time, we purchase the three used vehicles and use them to replace KW15 and the frame on KW8. He projects that we could then keep those two trucks in service for seven or eight years. We would then budget to replace both with new vehicles in FY '19-'20.

The newest of the state trucks, a 1999 International with 100,000 miles, would cost us \$900 and is in basically sound condition except for the cab. This truck would replace KW15. The other two trucks are \$500 each. We would take the cab from one of them and substitute it for the defective cab. The third truck would provide a sound frame for KW 8. (In contrast, a dealer in used truck parts quoted a price of \$4,000 for a used cab and \$30,000 for a used frame.) Both of the \$500 trucks would also provide miscellaneous parts for KW15 and KW8.

Refurbishment and retrofitting costs would not exceed \$25,000. This would cover parts replacement, sand-blasting, and painting the two truck frames. The sand-blasting would be subcontracted; other work would be done in house.

lino moved, Dudek seconded approving this approach to replacing KW15 and maintaining KW8, for a total expenditure not to exceed \$30,000. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Dudek moved, Annino seconded adjournment at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine lino