

**Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 @6:00 p.m.
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by First Selectwoman Catherine Iino. In attendance were Selectman Fred Dudek, Selectman Lou Annino Jr, Finance Director Regina Regolo, Richard Bauer Fire Chief, Jeremy Adametz, Deputy Fire Chief, and Town Engineer Howard Pfrommer

Richard Bauer presented the Fire Company's operating and capital request for 15/16. The operating increase of \$4,250 or 3.6% is due primarily to rising cost of turnout gear, training and consumables like oxygen masks, glucose, bandages, gloves, etc. There was a brief discussion regarding cleaning services at Station 1. The Board of Selectmen agreed to revisit the current arrangement and perhaps increase frequency. Chief Bauer will provide the Board of Selectmen with a list of the current needs including floors, windows and high dusting.

With regard to the capital request for 15/16, Chief Bauer agreed to reduce the request for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus from \$175,000 to \$125,000. The multi-year plan will reflect the total request of \$375,000 to be spread out over three fiscal years starting with \$125,000 in 15/16. Other Capital requests include \$25,000 for renovations to Station 2 and \$35,000 for partial replacement of extrication equipment for items like hydraulic hoses and couplings as well as replacement of the current portable gas unit. This expense had been included in last year's multi-year capital improvement plan.

Town Engineer Howard Pfrommer from Nathan Jacobson addressed questions and concerns from the Board of Selectmen with regard to current and pending capital road projects. Lou Annino expressed the board's desire to have pending capital projects "shovel ready" prior to the fiscal year in which they may be conducted. Mr. Pfrommer assured them that his firm was quite capable and adequately staffed to provide these services. In the past, the town had been more proactive in its planning but changes in administration resulted in changes in this philosophy.

The Board also asked if his firm had experience with regard to conducting a complete road survey. Mr. Pfrommer said that his firm had experience and had in fact conducted a complete culvert survey along with a 10 year culvert plan for Killingworth years ago. His firm is certainly capable and willing to help the town with a road survey and/or help to prioritize all road projects including paving and chip sealing.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 19, 2015 at 6 p.m. Motion by Selectman Lou Annino, seconded by Selectman Dudek to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Regolo, Acting Recording Secretary