

**Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, February 25, 2019 @6:30 p.m.
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

First Selectwoman Catherine Iino called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:32 p.m. In attendance were Selectman Lou Annino, Jr., Selectman Nancy Gorski, and Finance Director Regina Regolo. Visitors: Fire Chief Richard Bauer, Assistant Chief Don Venuti, Chip Morgan, Fire Commissioners Jen Liptak, Todd Hajek, and Rick Darin. Robert & Marcella Sassi arrived at 6:40 p.m. Highway mechanic Wayne Linsley and Driver/Operator Greg Alfiero arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Chief Bauer presented a general overview of the operating and capital requests for FY 1920. With regard to the operating budget, Bauer explained that most of the expenses are nondiscretionary; for example, OSHA/NFPA testing, physicals, training, & education. The operating request is slightly lower than the current year's. Selectwoman Iino reminded the group that since the passing of Richard Brown who had mowed the fire station grounds free of charge, the town is now responsible for the mowing at Station 1. Bauer said that there is a small amount of mowing required at Station 2 as well. At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the annual cost of new turnout gear has been shifted to the MYCIP.

The KVFC requested for capital expenditures for FY20:

Replacement bay doors and opener, Station 1. Bauer described the failing bay doors on Station 1. The doors are heavy; the upper panels are starting to delaminate; and parts are wearing out and can no longer be replaced. Because of this deterioration the doors have failed to open automatically on occasion, hampering the firefighters' efforts to respond to calls. There are five doors, including one to the rear. Selectman Annino asked if the project might be phased. Bauer said that it might work if we replaced the four front doors first. These doors are in worse condition than the rear door, and we might be able to use parts from the front to repair the rear door. Iino said that it might make sense to delay the rear door, because fire station renovations might alter that part of the building.

Access Control System, Stations 1 and 2. Bauer said that the company has had concerns about building security for some time now. He described the millions of dollars of equipment and supplies that are stored there and said that with this type of access system, he could remotely open or close the building, add or cancel access for particular individuals, etc. Annino asked about an on-going operating expense. Bauer said that there would be a modest annual "hosting service" expense.

Chief's / Command vehicle. Bauer said that he believed that given the volume of equipment and the wear & tear, the town could no longer expect a chief to commit his personal vehicle. There was some discussion regarding the used utility vehicle that had been purchased several years ago.

Turnout gear. As discussed at the time of the emergency appropriation for turnout gear earlier this year, KVFC requested these funds as part of the capital budget, not the operating budget.

Station 1 – Preliminary Drawings/concepts. Bauer explained that these funds would be used to help keep the Station 1 Renovation project moving forward. Using the existing approved capital funds, the Needs Assessment work has begun. Annino suggested that additional funding might be delayed until the Needs Assessment has been completed and presented to the Board of Selectmen.

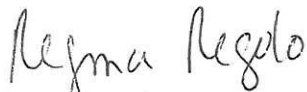
Bauer concluded by stating that the Fire Company recognizes the financial constraints that the town is experiencing with regard to capital projects and has put off to future years requests for several larger items, including the brush trucks and the Station 1 Renovations. Annino said that the board appreciated

their sensitivity and flexibility. Iino asked that KVFC consider its future needs and include items such as roof or generator replacement in its long-range plans, so that they town can schedule accordingly.

Chief Bauer provided a brief update of the current capital projects. He anticipates a need for all the remaining funds, most of which will be expended by the end of this fiscal year.

Annino moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Gorski and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

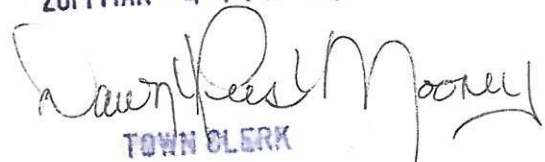
Respectfully submitted,



Regina Regolo
Acting Recording Secretary

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