

TOWN OF NEW SALEM**BOARD OR COMMITTEE:** ___Finance Committee**DATE:** ___Friday March 24, 2023_____ **TIME:** ___10:00 am_____**LOCATION:** ___Video conferenced on Zoom _

Attending: Claire McGinnis, Chuck Hartwell, Gabe Voelker, Joe Cuneo

Discussion

1. Fire Chief's capital requests
 - a. Primary Response Truck – lead time would now be two years on a new truck. Therefore thinking about used – could we budget an amount not to exceed? Demo or dealer truck \$615,000 truck coming up available soon. \$26,000 to rebuild the pump on the one we are currently running, which will be required soon. This vehicles goes to all motor vehicle crashes as it holds the jaws of life, aka extraction equipment. Wendell's comperable truck is a 2007. Most recently purchased firetruck is about to be paid off, so in term of debt capacity, this is a good time. Good conversation about when a call is mutual aid and when a new truck gets used in other towns. Chief's vehicle crosses border continuously due to Joe's two jobs – so not want the firetrucks to follow suit. Need compensation from Wendell for chief's vehicle reimbursement? Joe says he bills them gas and maintenance. Chief's vehicles should be addressed in the two town agreement for shared chief, currently being considered by the Select Boards. Any good used trucks? Guideline is that a truck is primary for 15 years of life, then goes to secondary for the dept for years 16-26 of its life. NFPA standard best practice. Tanker, Last one purchased. was \$375,000 with \$75000 out of vehicle stab and \$300,000 on debt. Finance committee agrees to recommend this to SB and ATM.
 - b. Extraction System – new vehicles hard to cut apart with older equipment. Use them once a year typically on 202 and key to the "golden hour" of care.
 - c. Alarm System for the station?
Committee suggests that given support of pumper truck purchase that Joe put the two other asks on back burner.
2. Review FY24 requests as accumulated and begin to form recommendations – police dept request for two full time positions discussed. Claire will reach out to Sue Cloutier.
3. How to list the Fire Pumper truck request in the budget as special article but not confuse the recap levy? Analysis of former sheet needed.
4. Adjourn 11:10 am

Documents Referenced

NSFD Capital Requests

Version 4 of the budget workbook