

PUBLIC BOND HEARING

FEBRUARY 5, 2008

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

Budget Committee members present: B. Manning, Ken Jacques, John Trachy, Bill Sullivan, Darrin Patten, Dave Tucker, Rick Kidder, Jon Poston, and Selectman ex-officio member Bob Anderson

Selectmen present: John Chiarella and Neal Huntoon

Others present: Tim Julian, Police Chief; Dallas Patten, Fire Chief; Doug Davis, Assistant Chief; Tom Duling, Trudy Heath, Dick Kipperman, Pete Neilsen, Harriet Callaway, Leah Callaway, and Gerry Cooper.

Having tabled the Budget Committee Meeting which began at 7:02 p.m. Selectmen John Chiarella and Bob Anderson opened the Public Bond Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Bob Anderson stated the purpose of the Bond Hearing was for public review of the anticipated expenditure and financing for an amount greater than \$100,000. A Warrant Article is being proposed for the purchase and original equipping of a new fire truck. The sum of \$245,000 is being appropriated. Financing arrangements have been negotiated at 3.9% for five years. Bob outlined the specification package for a custom style double cab with extruded aluminum body.

Dallas and Doug responded to questions regarding the specifications and equipping of the truck. Dallas stated the equipment package includes outfitting the truck with large diameter hoses with new couplings and nozzles. The exiting hose is 20-25 years old. The change in couplings would make the hoses more compatible with equipment from other departments with mutual aide coverage for this and other towns. Some of the nozzles no longer meet NFPA requirements. The other department truck will be changed in the future. They propose a 6" diameter front suction pump to provide better access in narrow situations, and to aide when using hydrants especially in the winter when parking space is limited. The life expectancy of the truck is anticipated to be 30 years. The old truck is 28 years old and has minimal value as a fire truck. It will be offered for sale once the new truck is in service.

With no further questions, at 7:25 p.m., Bob moved to close the Public Bond Hearing, seconded by John and unanimously approved.

The meeting was turned back over to the Budget Committee for continuation of the Public Budget Hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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