

**Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting of May 18, 2015  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectmen Peter Broderick and George Korn.

A resident who'd requested inclusion on the Agenda did not appear.

**Recommended Fire Truck Purchase Reviewed**

Chief Bill Seaman and Byron Brooks of KME Fire apparatus were present to review with the Board the proposed contract for the new fire truck recommended by the department's truck committee. Chief Seaman briefly explained the process undergone by that committee. Their choice to recommend the KME proposal stems from the 113" mirror to mirror width that will work well with the garage facilities; the willingness of the company to allow additions, deletions and replacements in the standard specifications to customize to Kingston's needs; and the overall financial package.

The new truck will include a stainless steel body with an aluminum cab, a backup camera and GPS system; extra power ports; a roof-mounted spot light; integrated warning systems; and customized tool and radio mounting. Three payment options including 100%, 90% and 50% up-front payment are available. The Board agreed to pay 90% in advance, giving a reduction in the overall payment amount of \$14,527.00, which will allow the Chief to purchase the radio and extra hose as well as a garage exhaust fan he'll need.

The Board questioned the \$11,500.00 trade-in allowance for the old truck. Mr. Brooks advised that he'd checked with the two largest used truck dealers in the area and this was the higher bid (the other was \$0.00). To a question about why the KME bid for a Bulldog Truck was so little below the Pierce bid when Pierce is considered the better truck, Mr. Brooks advised that restructuring of the Pierce Apparatus company has led to lower standards while competing companies have become increasingly competitive. Also, the proposal from KME includes a far superior warranty package, with 10-year body and lifetime frame coverage; 10-year cab coverage; and 5-year pump coverage. Chief Seaman added that Pierce was less than cooperative about allowing replacements in the specifications and was proposing a cab that is too wide and long for the garage spaces. Pierce also had failed to bid some of the components that were included in the town's specifications.

To expression of a concern about delivery, Mr. Brooks reminded the Board that this will be the fourth truck Kingston has purchased from his company and that the company is hoping that the relationship will continue so isn't likely to allow delivery to be delayed beyond the 330-390 days specified in the contract. He added that the company hasn't missed a contract deadline in the 45 years it's been in business. Also, included in the contract is provision for a performance bond.

The board asked that a clause calling for the town to cover the added expense of any replacements of discontinued models or components from vendors or of any increases in freight charges be stricken from the contract. Chairman Heitz advised that, with 90% up-front payment, he expects that the company either will order components immediately or will be willing to pay increased costs resulting from not doing so.

It was agreed that an amended contract will be prepared if Mr. Brooks' company agrees and that the Board will sign when it becomes available. The truck then will be ordered, with estimated delivery early next year. Chief Seaman noted that the radio purchase, tool mounting and hose purchase all will be paid off contract in order to take advantage of state bid pricing through regular vendors.

#### **Public Hearing for Land Use Violation Set**

The Board accepted advice of Town Counsel and will hold a public hearing at which discussion of an on-going Land Use Violation will be held. The hearing will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the main meeting room of the Town Hall.

#### **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz it was voted to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting as printed. Selectman Korn abstained from the vote due to his not having been present at the meeting.

#### **Administrative Matters**

The Board signed the Warrant for the first half of 2015 property taxes. Bills will be sent out shortly.

An Intent to Cut form was signed for property on Old Coach Road.

An application for use of Comeau Field by the Sanborn Junior Indians next fall was approved.

The Board noted an order from the NH Supreme Court denying appeal of a previously adjudicated case.

The Board reviewed signs ordered for the Recreation Beach area on Main Street.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm. There will be no meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day Holiday. A Public Hearing will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 as part of the regular Selectmen's meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Catherine Grant  
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