

NOTICE
JOINT SELECT BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 1, 2023
6:00 PM – Conference Room
MINUTES

Call to Order at 6:00 PM by Joint Board Chair, Maylen Kenney

Present – Barry Buck, Matt Gregg, Kim Archer, Patricia Sutherland, Terry Hanlon, Isaac Braley, Allen Michaud, Herman Condon, Ryan Spooner, Shari Cheney, and Chair Maylen Kenney.

Absent – Charles Beaulieu II, Milford Maynard, Scott Young, and Travis Mastro,

Staff Present – Sandra Fournier, Town Manager; Adam Rider, Fire Chief; Aaron Buzza, Robby Gross, and John Hoffses.

Public Comments – None

New Business

Discuss 1992 International Repair Elect New Joint Board Chair (Castle Hill) –

Adam Rider presented to the Joint Board that in performing the annual inspection on the 1992 International Tanker 1 truck, Bernier's notified the Town the frame to this truck is severely damaged and may not be repaired. Currently the estimated repair cost could be as much as \$15,000, if not more with no guarantee that this welding fix will hold. Tanker 1 was originally scheduled to be refurbished/replaced in 2026 for \$150,000.

Adam notified the Joint Board that the 2016 Western Star is not available to purchase, it has since been sold. Given this new information, Adam was asking the Joint Board for guidance on what steps they would like to take.

The Joint Board discussed the options, with a few members expressing discomfort in spending any funds for a replacement tanker without seeing the repair estimates for the 1992 International. Other Board members noted that equipment replacement schedule had the tanker replaced in three years, was it wise to invest additional reserve account funds for the repair? By spending money in the reserve for the repair, the Towns will need to increase the next year appropriations to replace these funds spent in repair in order to have enough to cover the replacement of the tanker in 2026.

A motion was made by **Michaud** to approve the Fire Chief to look for a replacement chasse tanker. Purchase to not exceed \$155,000. Second by **Hanlon**.

Motion failed 2-9

Discussions continued with the Joint Board expressing interest in seeing at least three (3) repair estimates. A few names were provided to the Fire Chief, they included: Chuck Driscoll, Impact Auto, and Jason Bonville. These estimates along with a written estimate from Bernier's. Robby Gross stated that frame work repair may void the certification the Department receives from the NFPA. There may be regulations and a checklist the tanker may need to pass to be recertified. The Town Manager stated she would investigate the insurance liability concerns and safety regulations/protocols for the tanker truck certification.

A motion was made by **Buck** to receive cost estimates for repair and to investigate the recertification for NFPA regulations on a welded frame. Second by **Cheney**. Motion passed 11-0.

Set Next Meeting Date(s): Joint Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6PM.

The Joint Board meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra L. Fournier
Town Manager