

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised of the following:

- There have been 95 calls to date;
- Central NH Fire Wardens Meeting will be tomorrow in Canterbury.
- Representatives from the Local Government Center did a presentation at the Fire Department last Thursday regarding responding to emergency calls in private vehicles. They addressed other issues such as the need to document training hours. Chief Colby advised that those not attending this presentation can take the class on the internet at no fee, which he will urge all members to do.
- He reported that Emmett Bean brought in a diver from the Warner Fire Department to investigate issues with the dry hydrant on Pleasant Street. As there were no obstructions at the end of the pipe, he plans to use a fire truck to try to blow out any obstructions in the approximately 60 feet of pipe. It may have to be dug up or they may have to look into other alternatives to reach the pond with the trucks. Selectman Johnson inquired about other dry hydrants. One on Clothespin Bridge Road will require an estimated \$4,000 to repair and plans are to do this sometime this summer. He is hopeful to find some volunteer equipment or help to make the needed repairs less costly. He noted that there is a Capital Reserve for repairs if need be.

Chairman Cummings advised that there was a mandatory bid meeting regarding the Town Hall Roof a few weeks ago with five bidders attending. Two bids were received by the August 1st deadline: The Melanson Co., Inc. from Bow, bidding \$38,709 for the roofing and \$9,900 for the carpentry for a total of \$48,609 and RJH Builders, LLC from Concord with a total bid for both projects of \$61,250. Selectman Hashem questioned the request on the bid sheet for a cost to re-nail any area that may exceed 100 square foot, which RJH bid \$1.50 per square foot; however, Melanson did not indicate an amount on the bid, which Selectman Hashem would like to have clarified. Otherwise he had no issue with the bid. Chairman Cummings felt it could easily be clarified with the contract, noting that Melanson offered to deduct \$400 if the chimney flashing is reusable. Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the lowest bid, with clarification of the overage for re-nailing; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. The Board has an example contract to be reviewed and agreed upon by all, most likely within a week. Selectman Hashem inquired about a clerk of the works. Chairman Cummings noted that consultant Butch Thornton had given a few recommendations. He has provided the bid specs to one for review. Selectman Hashem made a motion to hire a clerk of the works for no more than \$1,000; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. Mrs. Jones will contact Melanson to advise that they have been awarded the project and get a good contact number for Chairman Cummings. A follow-up letter will be sent to both bidders advising of the Board's decision.

Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the grant to the Police Department for a Portable Breath Tester with a value of \$450; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.

Larry Stripling, representative for Copart, responding to a letter of inquiry from Chairman Cummings on the buyers intentions for the property, met with the Board to explain the intended use of the junkyard by providing a blueprint, which outlined the property and the proposed location of the gates, loading and unloading area, and vehicle storage area. Chairman Cummings noted that this is a grandfathered use. Selectman Hashem noted that the same use is okay but expansion would require approval of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, though there is no baseline of the original use. Mr. Stripling noted that essentially the use is the same regarding storage of junk vehicles for insurance companies and then transfer of the entire vehicle through a bid process, typically over the internet. He further explained the function of the company he represents and how they operate. There would be a full fence surrounding the entire property, after the removal of the existing wooden fence, made of green corrugated metal and placed behind the tree line. The potential for fluid loss was questioned. He explained that most fluids are lost at the scene of an accident; the car is then towed to a garage and stored for several days awaiting the insurance adjuster, etc. During this time frame, any fluids left usually congeal. The cars are brought to the yard; inventoried; photo imaged; moved to the storage area with equipment and are never driven on the lot. When asked how many cars might be stored, it was thought to be up to 2,000. Cars normally stay no more than 60 days on the lot. Chief Dupuis inquired how those sold were moved; usually through a transport company via the use of a normal size truck and occasionally by the use of a tractor trailer. Either way they would come to the site from Concord and not through the Town. They are rarely sold locally. The company plans on 8 to 10 employees, with the anticipation to increase to around 16. A supervisor would be brought in for training, with other employment expected to be drawn from the local area. Mr. Stripling stated that the company did an environmental study and passed 100%, suggesting that anyone can check with the EPA for the results. Selectman Hashem inquired as to what would happen if the company went out of business. Mr. Stripling stated that the various insurance companies own the cars and would be there im-

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mediately to pick them up. Selectman Hashem again indicated that there were no specifics on the pre-existing use of the junk yard, but that it can still operate as a junk yard until the use stops or changes. Mr. Stripling stated that the existing accessory apartment would not be used once the property is transferred. Chairman Cummings felt that it was a continued use of the property only better, as use of the apartment will cease and there will be an opportunity for local employment. Selectman Hashem therefore made a motion that it is the Selectmen's decision that there is no need to refer Mr. Stripling or his company to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as the use is a continued use; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. Mr. Stripling requested an official letter from the Board. The existing "Junk Yard License" will be transferred to the new owners. Chairman Cummings will write the letter.

Chief Dupuis inquired about security of the junk yard property. Mr. Stripling advised that they have a monitoring company from North Carolina that will secure the entire property. Any activation of the alarm will generate a call to the manager or someone in charge, who will then check the property and call the Police if need be. They do not light the yard area for security reasons. Mr. Stripling advised that he will be available if there are any issues.

There was a short informal discussion regarding the junk yard.

Selectman Johnson reported on the shared services meeting held in August. There are three areas being reviewed: Office supplies; IT services and the anticipated meeting of the Road Agents in Salisbury on August 11th. The next regular meeting regarding shared services will be September 8th at 6:30 pm in Salisbury. Some folks met with LGC personnel, including Attorney Johnston, about other questions and other areas to proceed regarding shared services. Mrs. Pinkham and the Road Agent discussed the purchase of tires, which led to a call to the State, where there are contract prices available as long as one has a contract number. Mrs. Pinkham provided Chief Dupuis with the contract number to Neptune Uniforms for his use. She also spoke with Alan Hoffman at the State who provided her with a heads up about other areas to look for. Chief Dupuis advised that there was discussion about talking with the County and Mrs. Pinkham noted that Salisbury Selectman Pete Ballou was checking into that as well.

Selectman Hashem made a motion that the Board, on behalf of the Town, purchase the firearm (Colt AR153A3) from the Chief per the agreement; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. The Board then signed and dated the agreement presented earlier by Chief Dupuis.

An e-mail was received from Tom Yestramski regarding the benefits of having a "load bank" test on the generator. There has been problems with the power to the office when on generator power, i.e. the lights flash, computers beep, etc. It has been realized that the Library air conditioner is causing the issue. When it is shut off, the other problems stop. David Klumb recommended that the generator be tested by another company i.e. when testing of other commercial generators in Town. Selectman Johnson recommended calling the Library to see when the air conditioner was used. There was discussion on possible solutions. The decision was to contact Mr. Yestramski to get a quote for a separate manual shut-off for the air conditioner. It was also recommended that the generator be added to the 5-year plan for projects at the Town Hall.

Selectman Johnson inquired about two issues: the contract for the roofing projects and any Board response to the letter received from the Town of Salisbury regarding police coverage. Chairman Cummings advised that the letter from Salisbury was asking about the possibility of having Webster provide police coverage for up to 40 hours per week. Selectman Hashem felt that the up-coming non-public session might have a bearing on any decision. Mrs. Pinkham asked how 40 hours per week could be part-time. There was a short discussion on the hours, reimbursement, etc.

Selectman Johnson had sent a copy of a contract template (for the roofing project) to Chairman Cummings for review that had been modified to fit Webster's needs. He advised that everything in italics were questions for the Board's review. The Board will review it soon. Chairman Cummings would like the contract to be prepared by next Monday. Chairman Cummings indicated that the project could be 2-tiered. After discussion it was agreed to leave it up to the contractor. The Board discussed the dates specified in the bid specs. If need be, a meeting required regarding the contract will be posted appropriately.

8: 33 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) regarding personnel matters; seconded by Selectman Johnson. Roll call: Chairman Cummings – yes; Selectman Hashem – yes; and Selectman Johnson – yes. Police Chief Robert Dupuis and Officer Richard LaValley were asked to attend. Mrs. Jones was later asked to join.
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