

# SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 18, 2013

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others Attending: Maureen Lord

The meeting was opened by Chair David Upton at 6:00 PM.

David opened discussion regarding the order for Turnout Gear for the Fire Department. The original request, and the intent of the Board, was to purchase 10 complete sets of new Turnout Gear for each member of the Department who will be attending the Firefighter I training. However, Bud presented the Board with an order for 15 complete sets explaining that all rescue personnel should also have the Firefighter gear for protection.

David reported to the Board that he researched the need for the additional 5 sets of gear. The information he gathered indicated that the rescue personnel should have protective gear designed for that purpose and not for Firefighting. Rescue personnel will not be trained in Firefighter I and therefore cannot enter a burning building even with the special Firefighter gear. Ron O'Keefe who examined the donated Hampton gear indicated that some of those items would work for the Rescue Personnel for now.

David impressed upon the Board that the presentation to the voters at the Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting indicated that only 10 people would be taking Firefighter I and only they would need the special Turnout Gear immediately. David suggested that the remaining gear could then be presented to the voters by a warrant article in March 2014.

Susan voiced opposition to that suggestion, expressing her preference that all gear is ordered now and that Bud is included in any decision to change the order.

Maury showed favor with the suggestion of a Warrant Article for outfitting the Rescue personnel. Further discussion was tabled for a time and the meeting agenda moved forward.

It was sadly reported that Nelson was not chosen to receive funding for the Town Hall through the LCHIP program.

David reported that Jeff Ingram will be in Nelson on January 3, 2014 to conduct a walk thru with sub-contractors.

The Board all agreed to attend and this will be a posted meeting.

Susan reported that she has contacted the Putnam Foundation seeking possible financial support for the Town Hall Project.

Following a brief discussion of the "walk thru" with Jeff Ingram on January 3, 2014, David made a motion to request that Paul Hemmerich be in attendance although additional cost may be added to his time.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David gave a brief review of his attendance at the meeting of the Library Trustees.

Susan reported that the manifest was complete and moved its approval as presented.

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

David made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting.

Maury seconded the motion.  
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Returning to the discussion concerning the purchase of firefighter turnout gear, David made a motion to reduce the number of units to 10 full sets. (As was presented at the Public hearing and Special Town Meeting)

He added to the motion to increase the number of air tanks to 5 (this has been reduced to three at the last Selectmen's meeting) along with a second bottle for each.

Maury seconded the motion.  
The motion then carried by a vote of 2-1.

With nothing further David made a motion to adjourn.

Maury seconded the motion.  
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins

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Susan Hansel