

Capital Equipment Needs Assessment Committee

April 4, 2017

Attendees: Bob Lenox, John Bunce, Rick Lothrop, Gary Robinson, Barbara Roland, Jason Walters, Andrew Ward and Bob West.

Absent: Phil Castelli

Meeting called to order at 7.10 pm.

Minutes reviewed and accepted as written.

Old Business

Bob Lenox explained the results of the town meeting and the appointment of the members of the committee until next year's Town meeting. At that time each member will be elected for a specific term.

Bob reviewed previous letters received sent by the select board wanting this committee to mirror the highway building committee. Also reviewed the rsa's as it relates to the duties of the select board should the select board decided to challenge the voice of the voters.

Gary spoke of the old state property on the Nelson road and the State not considering giving it up. He will send an email to the members of this committee after the select board has reviewed the letter.

Bob spoke in length about the Granite Lake Fire Station and possible renovations. How much work needs to be done to the station in order to house the current equipment. Jason stated that currently none of the trucks will fit in the station without major work. Bob stated that we need to keep in mind that there is a line the select board has drawn regarding including the building committee in any building projects.

John asked about the meeting that Gary was going to set-up between the select board and Bob. Gary reported no action taken so far. Bob stated that he will reach out to the board and set something up.

Bob has been in touch with ISO which is the fire rating organization for the community and Jason has received a new questionnaire that needs to be filled out. The one on file is out dated and submitted in 2011.

Bob reports that he is still waiting to hear from the selectmen regarding the SAMS number. The committee cannot participate in any Federal grant training without both the Dunns and Sam's numbers. Gary is to follow-up on this.

New business

Spoke about grants and the grant process for several organizations that are willing to give money for fire equipment. Bob showed the application from fire house subs that has a limit of twenty five thousand dollars for equipment that could benefit the communities.

Jason to work on specifications for the jaws of life that could benefit the community. This would be a good test run for applying for further grants.

Jason spoke about the need for a cascade system. There is a place on the command truck for a portable system but we may want to consider a permeant system for the station. Currently the tanks to be refilled need to be transported to Keene. Harrisville has one but it does not completely fill the new carbon fiber tanks.

Spoke of the need for a tanker truck as the current one is 30 years old and in need of repair. Problem is that the new tankers will not fit in the Granite lake station. Jason is to provide Bob with the dimension of the average size tanker and Bob will request that the select board have the town building committee explore options

8:30 pm Bob thank everyone for their ideas and suggestions and felt that the committee has the potential for doing a lot of good. A motioned to adjourn the meeting was made with Andrew making a second and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted.

Bob Lenox