

Selectmen's Meeting – March 26, 2010

Present were Selectmen Nancy L. Carlson and Bruce L. Tatro. Also present was Fire Chief Skantze, Department Intern Tyler Boucher and Town Administrator Elizabeth Fox.

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. The purpose of the board's special meeting was to determine how to proceed with repairs to Engine #2 (2000 Pierce) identified as having a weeping radiator during its preventive maintenance inspection this week. A special meeting was schedule to initiate discussions regarding how to proceed in an effort to limit the time period that the truck is required to be out of service and not available to respond to calls in the town.

Chief Skantze reviewed for board members actions to date including removal of the radiator to allow assessment of the repairs required. The radiator removal was done at the town's DPW by NE Fire Apparatus personnel. The radiator has now been assessed by Modine Corporation. Removal of the radiator also identified an additional concern related to the transmission cooler as cooling fluid was found in the transmission fluid. Options relative to the radiator include replacement (more expensive) or re-coring. A quote for the needed repairs (re-coring the radiator and addressing the transmission cooler) of between \$5,426 and \$7,913 has been obtained. Selectmen discussed whether additional quotes should be obtained determining that because of the type of work and the current status of the truck it was not appropriate in this case. Funding available for the repair and payment options were reviewed. Funding available in the line item budget or the credit could be used. It was determined that resources were sufficient to support the repair but a decision regarding which resources should be applied to this work was deferred. Selectmen voted to authorize expending up to \$8,000 to repair the radiator and transmission cooler on Engine #2. With the first line truck at center station out of service, Chief Skantze reviewed for members the plan implemented for town wide coverage which calls for responses from both stations augmented by an extra engine from Keene.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator