

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING MEETING
MARCH 29, 2016
TOWN HALL
4:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Nadine A. Hawver, Chairman
David A. Smith, Jr., Clerk
Andrew G. Petersen

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator

Chairman Hawver called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Executive Session: Nadine Hawver asked that the meeting be moved to Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations with non-union personnel, Police Chief.

David Smith moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations, second by Selectman Peterson. The roll call vote was as follows

Chairman Hawver - Aye
Selectman Smith - Aye
Selectman Petersen - Aye

Open session resumed at 5:25 pm.

Proposal for Fire Apparatus Project: Administrator LaBombard discussed the proposal from Robert McDermott for assessing the Fire Department current equipment and the future needs of the Department. The proposal also included assistance with the purchase of a new fire truck in FY17. Selectman Smith moved to approve the proposal from Robert McDermott, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Smith moved to suspend the meeting until 6 pm, seconded by Selectman Petersen. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hawver suspended the meeting at 5:40.

Chairman Hawver reconvened the meeting at 6 pm.

Chief Getchell and members of the Fire Department were present.

Chairman Hawver informed the Fire Department that the Board had approved the proposal from Mr. McDermott to help them with the purchase of a new truck as well as assess their equipment and their future needs. Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a truck and financing the purchase. Chairman Hawver explained that there would not be a warrant article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to purchase a truck. The Board is planning on a Special Town Meeting in the fall specifically for the purchase of a truck. Chief Getchell stated that the Department is looking forward to working with Mr. McDermott. Discussion ensued regarding a time line and specs for the purchase.

Chairman Hawver stated that Administrator LaBombard and Martin Mitsoff will work on the Firefighter Assistance Grant in the fall. David Ullrich inquired what equipment will be requested in the grant. Administrator LaBombard replied that the Department would have to decide what equipment they would like included in the grant. Chief Getchell suggested that air packs would be good idea.

The Board stated that they want the best and safest equipment for the Fire Department and that their office door is always open for any member of the Department who might like to discuss or comment on an issue.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda LaBombard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Rhonda LaBombard

Town Administrator

Documents reviewed at this meeting
Proposal from Rob McDermott