

Lyman-Dayton Fire Commission (FC)
Special Meeting Minutes March 9, 2017

Location: Goodwin's Mills Fire Station

Called to order at 2:03 pm

In Attendance:

Fire Commissioners – Amos Gay, Don Hernon, Jim Roberts, Paul Reynolds
GMFR – Fire Chief Roger Hooper, Deputy Fire Chief Chad Johnston, Assistant Fire Chief Ben Harris,
Captain Matt Duross

Absent - Fire Commissioners – Chris Boyden, Wendell Smith.

Meeting was not recorded.

Business-

FC voted to approve, as amended, the Annual FC Report for Calendar Year 2016 for inclusion in the Towns' Reports.

FC voted to approve the Fire Chief's Memo dated 3/7/17 regarding disposal of obsolete portable radios and pagers. The FC Secretary will send this list to the Select Boards to determine if there is any Town interest in this equipment. If notification of Town interest is not received within 30 days, per Regulation 1604, Disposal of Excess Equipment, the Fire Chief will dispose of the equipment through a sealed bid process.

FC discussed the Fire Chief's proposed Apparatus Replacement Plan at length, and determined to provide the following guidelines to Budget Committee and Select Board members:

1. Stay within current Truck Account funding levels (\$50K per town annually).
2. Recommend lease/purchase option for truck replacement because there appears to be no way to build up the Truck Account sufficiently to outright purchase apparatus considering that expected inflation will exceed interest gained on funds.
3. Dispose of current Ladder 82 while there is some trade-in value. Status of this truck is uncertain due to damage incurred from a garbage truck backing into the vehicle; insurance claim is pending.
4. Acquire two new or refurbished vehicles:
 - a. Quint Ladder Truck, sized to better fit Town roads.
 - b. Pumper-Tanker to replace Engines 81 and 84.
 - c. Note that these two vehicles will replace three current vehicles.
5. Obtain Town Meeting voter approval to permit FC/Fire Chief to enter into negotiations to lease/purchase the new/refurbished vehicles while staying within the Truck Account funding levels. Final lease/purchase documents would require Select Board approval.
6. Acquire a Command Vehicle for Fire Chief/Incident Commander use only if an inexpensive vehicle can be obtained through auction or excess government vehicle disposal.

Fire Chief will request leasing details (e.g., how long a lease interest rate can be locked-in, etc.) from financing companies.

Fire Chief provided an update on plans to commence billing for motor vehicle crashes and hazmat cleanup effective April 1, 2017. GMFR members will enter vehicle ownership information at crash/cleanup scenes onto the GMFR IPAD, which will form the basis for the billing.

Next Regular Meeting – 6:30 pm, Thursday March 16, 2017 at GMFR Fire Station. Budget Committees and Select Boards are expected to be present to discuss proposed 2017/18 GMFR Budget and Apparatus Replacement Plan.

Adjourned meeting at 3:42 pm.

Minutes Taken by FC Secretary Don Hernon.