

# **CALAIS SELECTBOARD**

## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**LOCATION: East Montpelier Fire Station  
54 Village Acres, East Montpelier**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

***PLEASE NOTE: Except for the start time, all agenda times are guidelines only and are subject to change without notice.***

6:00 pm • Capital West Dispatching Services

Adjourn/continue meeting

### **MINUTES:**

The Capital West meeting began at 5 pm at the EMFD station – Toby was there at 5 pm, Denise arrived at 5:30 pm and Scott at 5:45 pm –

Denise identified that because Calais would have a quorum of the Board in attendance that she had to warn a special meeting in order to comply with the open meeting law requirements and they she had notified Capital West of this responsibility. Capital West explained that they had changed the meeting time to 5 pm because of a scheduling issue with Chief Facos.

The meeting continued with a powerpoint presentation by Capital West (see attached). Significant discussion ensued and frustration expressed at the huge cost increases and lack of communication with town officials by Capital West. Capital West acknowledged that they should have notified all the Boards of the towns involved of the contract negotiations and associated significant cost increases – they will do so in the future. The Boards acknowledged that they appreciate and respect the work of Capital West and that the City of Montpelier had been subsidizing the rising cost for staffing over the past several years. The Boards also understand that dispatching is a necessary life and death service which must be provided to our residents. However, small town budgets take a significant hit when costs rise by more than 100%.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm by motion of Toby.