

Calais Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2016

Unapproved

Present: Calais Selectboard Members: Denise Wheeler, John Brabant and Scott Bassage.

Present: E. Montpelier Selectboard Members: Seth Gardner, Gene Troia, Casey Northrup, and Bruce Johnson, Town Administrator

EMFD Board Members Present: Gary Oullette, Toby Talbot, Ty Rolland, Albert Petrella, and Megan Cannella, Admin Asst.

Denise Wheeler called the Calais meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

EMFD Financial Review:

Budget overview—Toby clarified some changes made in the fire budget. Selectboard received a revised budget. This year will show a slight increase in the fire budget. The dispatch has been increased. Discussion followed. The ambulance budget was presented. The increase in the ambulance budget is based largely on additional staffing needs. Discussion followed.

Ambulance Revenue—Collections—Medicare/Medicaid: Medicare/caid has set rates and they result in a loss for EMFD. Discussion followed based on the spreadsheets. EMFD explained the medicare/caid adjustments, which shows a more realistic rate on collections EMFD can receive. There is a percentage that EMFD can *never* collect.

Ambulance Updates:

Paramedic program—Ty explained the process for obtaining meds for the ambulance. There are two locked boxes that store narcotics on the ambulances, and in the station. The process for using these meds is complex. It is high security.
EMR Class—a few have passed, and others have yet to take the test.

EMFD:

Firefighter physicals/Fit for Duty—working with Concentra to develop a program to streamline physicals for members. A representative is attending next week's meeting and will do both respiratory awareness and introduction to the Fit for Duty program.

Holidays—brought food to 12 families for thanksgiving. Wrapping day will be posted on FPF.

Leadership class—Toby and Ty will attend in Burlington to learn about employee/staffing issues.

Call Log:

To date, 514 calls. By the end of the year, we may be up to 650 total.

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Dry Hydrant:

Toby & Ty had an AOT meeting and discussed the dry hydrant. EMFD is waiting for the contractor to be chosen to further the discussion. This will help with fire suppression in the village. Discussion followed.

Volunteer Sustainability Group:

A small group is meeting to discuss the sustainability of EMFD leadership.

New Truck Update:

Ty has met with several vendors and will receive up to three bids soon. Demo will be here next Tuesday at 5.30pm. Looking at a stainless steel truck for EMFD. Discussion followed.

Capital Plan:

Discussion about EMFD Capital Plan based on spreadsheets group received. Income estimate increased for FY21. There will be no request for capital funds in FY18.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 pm by Scott Bassage and seconded by John Brabant. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Wheeler, Chair