

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Special Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 1998

ATTENDANCE: Stephanie Bubier, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Michael McClellan; Ada Brown; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephanie Bubier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Consideration to approve the purchase of a specific pumper-tanker fire truck, such purchase to be made with delivery in July of 1998.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore explained the it might be possible to find a built truck rather than a specifically ordered truck. If a purchase of this type of truck is available than quick action to arrange purchase will be needed. Ernest Allen asked if bids would be requested. Mr. Poore replied yes that they had two bids. Mr. Allen asked if they had been opened. Mr. Poore ñ yes. Mr. Allen reminded them that Engine 6 was not to leave Raymond before the new truck was in Town. Mrs. Bubier said they were looking at various options which would save the Town money. Mr. Poore said the policy of the Selectmen said that a large purchase would go through a bid process. Chris Champagne noted that in the past a public works truck was procured with the Road Commissioner searching dealers for the truck which would fill the order. He added that the current time frame for a new truck is 12 months for a chassie and for the body to be built one year. He had inquired in many places nationwide as to what is available using his minimum criteria. Two trucks are available at the nearest to Raymond's specs: S&S and KME. The S&S may be available now and its turning radius is 60 feet with old Engine 6's being 75 feet. The KME truck turns in 69 feet and be 1 inch higher and 18" shorter than Engine 6, it will also be 6.5 tons heavier. It will fit in the District 1 garage. This truck will unload water rear and both sides. The pump will be heated at all times. Mr. McClellan asked what their risk was if they decide now. Mr. Champagne said that at this point he wasn't sure but has found that existing trucks are scarce and in demand especially where most town meetings are going on through the spring. He said they will continue to search but it didn't look encouraging. Mr. Poore said that the ideal situation would be a more competitive field from which to choose. He thought that if the company would hold the truck for Raymond while they went to bid for a custom truck it would be advantageous so that prices could be compared. Mr. Champagne said it would be a month's turn around time on bids. Mr. Poore noted that the time frame with Frye's Island includes a monetary issue and also they would like to have Engine 6 by July 1, 1998. Mr. Champagne related that Frye's Island said that Raymond could have the truck to use after the close of the Island in the fall but Raymond wouldn't have it on the mainland during the summer. He continued that the truck will be going to a fire trade show in June and Raymond could get it by July 1st. Mrs. Bubier asked why this truck was available when the stock trucks were in demand. Mr. Champagne replied it was a show truck and they need to sell it in June. This truck is designed for rural use and most towns have hydrants and don't need its water carrying capacity. He continued that he would like to get the truck upgraded to 400 hp, a portable generator, and a floating pump. Mrs. Brown asked about guarantees. Mr. Champagne answered it's a 5 year on the

body structure, paint, pump and chassie relative to the manufacturing specifications without other modifications. The truck will be fully rustproofed. Mr. McClellan asked when it would have to be paid for. Mr. Champagne replied the company would take a purchase order and if the inspection went well they would expect it sold in June. Mr. Poore felt they should negotiate price and the condition of 30 days to try a bid process. Mr. Champagne felt that the Town would not be able to afford this truck's quality if we go with a custom truck. Mr. Poore reiterated that the bid process should be done to complete the search.

MOTION: Stephanie Bubier motioned to authorize Nathan Poore to enter into an agreement with KMS to purchase a fire truck with the conditions that they accept a non-refundable \$1500 deposit and allow Raymond time to request bids and upon satisfactory results from the truck inspection, delivery by July 1, 1998. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Allen encouraged the Board to use the bid process. Mr. Poore replied that during the last two weeks requests for proposals have gone out and the two trucks came in. Mr. Champagne said that they have been calling and answering advertisements including those on the Internet. Mr. Poore asked about travel expense. Mr. Champagne said that they would have to get to Massachusetts and KME would get them to Pennsylvania with them. There would be some small expense for lodging, meals, etc. Mr. Poore said on April 7th they will have for the Selectmen an itemized list of what will be included in the truck.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Communications and other business.

a. Legal Budget.

NOTE: Mr. Poore announced that the legal budget is overdrawn and will be more so with the necessary work to be done on the Cable agreement.

4. Adjourn.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Stephanie Bubier adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester
Secretary