



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Special Commissioners Meeting to discuss ETA49 – June 21, 2012

Present: Frank Barney, Gerald Goldsworth, Jim Hollenbeck, Mike Opal, Dale Nicholson, Sue Wood

Guests: Ben Wood, Steve Parker (Chief), Ernest wood, Loren Hollenbeck, Greg Crump, Jake Hollenbeck (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Frank Barney and Gerald Goldsworth took ETA44 to Northern Fire and picked up ETA49 for return to Hopkinton station. The truck was running good but after they stopped for fuel in Philadelphia, the motor started knocking. Martin's was called to tow it back to Hopkinton. Martin's do have a motor but did not give them a price and will not install it.

Tonight's meeting is to discuss whether to repair, park or replace the truck. A search has been done on the internet but it is hard to find anything. Jim Hollenbeck questioned whether the truck is worth fixing. Frank does not think so and that is why the commissioners decided not to have all the repairs made on it when it was at Northern Fire. We need to determine what the problem is to solve, what trying to accomplish and what is really needed.

Dale brought up a spreadsheet on the projection system. Spreadsheet number one stated the needs that are to be fulfilled by replacement:

- Haul water
- Dump water quickly
- Carry a portable pond
- Run a fill site
- Be available when needed (reliable)
- Provide back up for ETA44
- Carry supply lines
- Fire suppression (back up for E61)
- Carry personnel

Spreadsheets number two showed options with pros/cons:

Option 1: repair ETA49 and replace within a year

- Pros: available soon, gives time for long-term action, good water capacity, good pump, can haul water or cover fill site, low short-term cost, excellent pumper backup
- Cons: 30 year old truck

Option 2: purchase truck from Dickinson fire

- Pros: available in August, good pump, can cover fill site, excellent pumper backup
- Cons: 30 year old truck, faulty transmission, low water capacity, standard transmission, no way to pay for it

Option 3: Purchase demo truck

- Pros: available immediately, long-term reliability, excellent pumper backup, cost per year is reasonable for the life of the apparatus, \$50,000 grant available
- Cons: long-term financial commitment, paperwork would have to be in place quickly

Option 4: purchase 1991 HME

- Pros: high water capacity, excellent pumper backup, good pump, can haul water or cover fill site
- Cons: high cost for 20 year old truck, requires station renovations, not as maneuverable

Option 5: Do nothing

- Pros – no cost
- Cons – limits water capacity, no water in station, can either cover fill site or haul water, taxpayers receive reduced fire protection

Jim cautioned that there are two (2) other trucks that need have money spent on them to keep them going. We are going to be spending thousands on maintenance.

The third spreadsheet showed financial examples. After discussion on the options and the implication on the fire tax/budget, Frank called for a vote on which way to go. Mike Opal (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to proceed with looking at used trucks as a replacement. All in favor; motion carried.

Dickinson Fire was contacted to bring their truck down to see if it would fit in the station. Upon arrival, meeting was adjourned to review the truck. Meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m. The truck does fit in the station but only has a 1000 gallon tank and dumps from the side. Some equipment is staying on the truck but it won't be available until mid August.

Jim Hollenbeck stated that he got the feeling from the members present that this was a nice truck but not what is needed.

It was suggested that a sub-committee of commissioners be formed to research finding used trucks. This subcommittee will consist of Dale Nicholson, Frank Barney and Jim Hollenbeck. Upon further discussion, it was decided to form a joint committee with members. All commissioners were in favor with an aye vote. Other members of the committee will consist of Steve Parker, Jake Hollenbeck and

Loren Hollenbeck. A meeting will be scheduled for June 28 at 7:00 p.m. to review what trucks are out there and to establish specifications.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary