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**HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT**

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Board of Fire Commissioners – Special Meeting August 5, 2025

Present: Ernest Wood, Rob Stillwell, Jeff Burnham, Dave Perry, Carl Pitts, Jim Lyon, Sue Wood

Guest: Irene Perry, Greg Crump, Peggy Burnham, Sue Lyon, Vickie French, Debbie Rust, Matt French, Rick Eakins, Ashley Eakins, Steve Parker, Doug Eakins, Dick Eakins

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The reason for the meeting was to review the bids for the proposed fire station.

Matt French, LaBella Associates, reviewed the following low bids:

* Con Tech – general contractor
* Hyde Stone – Plumbing (included the well in the base price)
* Next Era – Electrical; but with the generator included the bid would go to Dow Electric
* ENI – mechanical

Matt French stated that to his knowledge all bidders are bonded. He suggested that the commissioners move the overhead door operator and the paving to the following year. The bids are good for 45 days. The total base price comes to $2,415,615. However, amounts for clerk of the works, attorney fees, and LaBella need to be figured into the total.

The commissioners requested Matt French to speak with the companies with the low bids to see if there were ways to cut the project and to extend the bid date. The following options were given:

1. Redo and advertise the referendum
2. Hold the bid as is
3. Sharpen the pencil

Discussion was held on the grant and payments to the contractor. A bridge loan has been applied for through NBT Bank.

A question from the floor was is there a Plan B if the taxpayers reject a revised referendum? There was no response.

Rob Stillwell (Carl Pitts) moved to go to the low bidder to see about reducing the bid and extend the deadline. Votes are as follows:

Carl Pitts – yes

Rob Stillwell – yes

Dave Perry – yes

Jeff Burnham – no

Ernest Wood – no

Motion carried.

Matt French will contact all four (4) low bidders to confirm willingness for changes. He should have answers by the end of the week.

Carl Pitts (Rob Stillwell) moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary