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RUTLAND TOWN SELECT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

FIRE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29th, 2023

The Fire Committee of the Rutland Town Select Board met at 4:00 PM on Wednesday November 29th, 2023, at the Municipal Town Hall. Present was Select Board Chair Mary Ashcroft and Town Fire Chief Chris Clark.

1. Reviewed the updated budget from Chief Clark for the next fiscal year.
 - a. Discussed the updates to the salaries and daytime wages. The increase in the hourly rate is to align with rate the Police Officers are paid.
 - b. The net budget change is up 9%
2. Discussed the proposal to purchase a new pickup truck.
 - a. The current truck is a 1992 F350.
 - b. Some body work has been done to it to try and extend its life, but the expected future maintenance costs are rising.
 - c. Research into a new truck, using the same vendor the Police did for their new vehicle, was done. A new truck, in red, is not available right away so it will need to be ordered. The lead time was not available.
 - d. McGovern is not part of the state bid system for pricing. The Chief will be contacting the person used to purchase the last truck to get a price.
 - e. The quote from McGovern for the truck was approximately \$56,000. Equipment with installation came to approximately \$74,000.
 - f. The funds would come from the depreciation account. There is \$498,000 in there now.
 - g. If the information is available in time, it will be included for the next Board meeting.
3. Reviewed the replacement schedule.
 - a. The next truck in the schedule is the large utility. The Chief intends to skip this truck and focus on replacing Engine 2 as the next truck.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet