

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
Dresden Town Office
Thursday, November 15, 2018
5:00 PM

PRESENT:

SELECT BOARD: Trudy Foss, Dwight Keene, and Allan Moeller Sr.
ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Michael Henderson
FIRE DEPARTMENT: Steve Lilly, David Everson, Michael Nysten, Reed Anderson
RESIDENTS: Gary Blau, Scott Mullen

1. CALL TO ORDER – Trudy Foss, 1st Selectman, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. PLOW RFP – The Dresden Select Board will review bids for the town properties snow plowing contract.

Trudy said that there were two bids received for the plow contract. Josh Watson's bid was for \$7,500 and Goodall Landscaping was for \$14,978. Allan Moeller Sr., 3rd Selectman, motioned to award the Town Parking Lot Snow Plow Contract to Josh Watson. Trudy seconded the motion and all approved. Trudy explained that Josh has plowed for the Town in the past.

Scotty Mullen asked if Josh would be shoveling the back door of the Town Office. Michael Henderson, Administrative Assistant, explained that the RFP specified shoveling to all entrances and exit of the Town Office and Fire Stations. Allan asked if Josh's insurance has come in yet. Michael said that it had not come in yet. Allan called Josh Watson to inform him that he had been awarded the contract.

Scotty asked when the new lights would be installed at the Recycle Center. Trudy asked if the lights had been purchased yet. Michael said that the lights were already purchased and waiting at the Recycle Center to be installed. Allan explained to Scotty how to install one of the lights and then said he would install the rest when he got back from his vacation.

3. FIRE TRUCK – The Select Board will discuss potentially purchasing a used ladder truck.

Trudy asked for the Fire Department Account balances. Michael said that there was \$26,000 in Operations and \$10,000 left in equipment for the fiscal year for the Fire Department. Allan asked if there were any numbers for other fuel prices. Michael said that he did not have any new prices. Trudy motioned to lock in the price of \$1.499 per gallon for propane from Main Street Fuel. Dwight Keene, 2nd Selectman, seconded the motion and all approved. Allan asked Michael to call Main Street Fuel to lock in the propane price and ask about a price lock for heating fuel.

Trudy said that the ladder truck the Fire Department is considering buying is 25 years old. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Nysten presented a written proposal from the Fire Chief requesting the purchase of a used ladder truck and the trade-in of Engine 5. Allan said that this was the first documentation they received from Fire Department regarding the ladder truck.

Dwight asked when the Fire Chief would be arriving. Reed Anderson said that the Chief told the firefighters that the meeting was at 6:00 pm. Trudy said that the meeting began at 5:00 pm and she had asked Steve over text to be at the Town Office by 5:30 pm.

Reed said that Bar Harbor is selling the ladder truck because their Fire Station is too small so that bought a new smaller ladder truck. Trudy said the Select Board still needed to see a maintenance record for the ladder truck before they could make any decision.

Trudy asked why the Town of Dresden needs a ladder truck given that most buildings are short and the tallest buildings in town are a few 2.5 story houses. Reed explained that a ladder truck would be helpful for chimney fires. At 6:04 pm Fire Chief Steve Lilly arrived. Trudy asked if Steve brought the Select Board what she asked him for earlier in the week. Steve handed the Select Board a list of all of the Dresden Fire Department

Trucks. Steve told the Select Board that a ladder truck would be beneficial to the surrounding area. Steve said that the only two nearby communities with ladder trucks are Gardiner and Wiscasset. Steven then explained that Gardiner receives a lot of calls and cannot always provide mutual aid and Wiscasset's ladder truck is frequently out of service getting repaired.

Allan then asked why the ladder truck would be good for Dresden, not everyone else. Steve explained that the ladder truck would help with chimney fires and structures fires. Steve also said that the number of metal roofs has increased lately which are dangerous for Fire Fighters to work on. Reed also mentioned that the Fire Department could not guarantee that home insurance costs would go down.

Dwight asked if anyone had worked on a ladder truck before. Reed said that he was trained on a 100' ladder in Connecticut.

Allan asked when the ladder truck needs to be inspected next. Steve said that it was inspected through the spring. Allan said that any costs to repair the truck for the next inspection would have to be covered by the current budget. Steve mentioned that the ladder truck has 19,000 miles on it.

Allan said that he was not comfortable making a decision without the public being notified. Michael Henderson suggested a public hearing on Monday, November 26th before the Select Board meeting.

Allan said that he would like to see two trucks sold in exchange for purchasing the ladder truck because the Fire Department was supposed to be decreasing their fleet due to excess. Trudy asked if Greenwood EV would let us trade in two trucks for the ladder truck. Steve said that besides Engine 5, every truck has a specific purpose.

Allan said that if the Town purchases this ladder truck, he doesn't want to see it overused for mutual, but rather to benefit the residents of Dresden. Steve said that the ladder truck would be dedicated to aerial work, not brush fires.

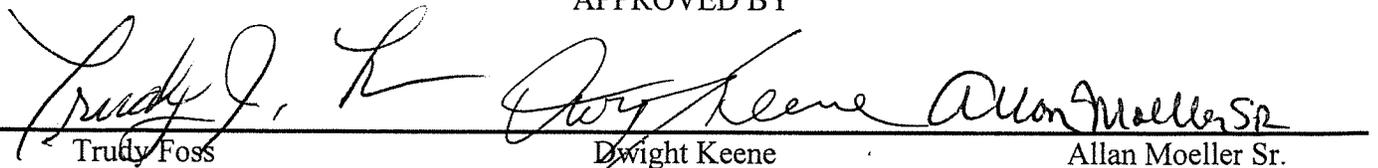
Reed asked why there was a need to have a public hearing. Allan explained that the residents deserve notice for a decision this significant.

Steve also said that the pump on the ladder test passed inspection. Steve also mentioned there was a small leak in the engine, but it was not a hydraulic leak.

Trudy said there would be a public hearing on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Pownalborough Hall.

4. ADJOURNMENT – Allan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dwight seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

APPROVED BY


Trudy Foss Dwight Keene Allan Moeller Sr.

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