

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
October 17, 2022  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

5:30 – Vice Chairman Pitman called the meeting to order

**Present:** Richard Pitman, Vice Chairman, Alden Dill, Cynthia McHugh and Will Huebner, Selectmen.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

Vice Chairman Pitman: Twenty twenty-three budget review. Highway. Page... (inaudible, lots of papers being shuffled around)

Selectman Dill: When I made the motion to table this the other night, I didn't realize that this is the, the budget Freddy made. So, we have had somebody look at it and update it.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion that they open highway administration for the amount of two hundred and twenty-three thousand eight hundred and sixteen (\$223,816.00).

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: Is there a wicker reverb coming off me or is that just what I'm hearing? No, okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Any discussion? Will, Anything?

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Vice Chairman Pitman: Transfer station.

Selectman Dill: Hold on. Now we have, um, highways and streets budget.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, papers being shuffled) ...page forty-five.

Selectman Dill: Yep. So, we're on forty-six, right?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yep.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion for the highways and streets line in the amount of seven hundred and seventy-six thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$776,868.00). Which is on page forty-seven.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectwoman McHugh: There's no spread sheets here with it?

John Harrington: All the way in the back, Cindy.

Selectman Huebner: I'm wondering about all of the very high increased numbers. I think it's just mathematics the way it's working out but it's showing, well, on the second page it shows a hundred and eighty-eight percent increase. I'm a little confused by these percentages.

Selectman Dill: Well, one big question there, John, is line seven sixty. Highway vehicle lease. Three hundred thousand dollars.

John Harrington: If you look in your detail...

Selectman Dill: Yuh, yuh, I haven't found that either.

John Harrington: I think Fred had spoken more than once about the condition of the, several of the online vehicles at the highway department and he recommends, strongly, at the time, still, if he were here, he still

would... replacing the six-wheel dump truck and replacing the one-ton pick-up. Both of them are in a constant state of repair, um, and some further need of severe repair. Uh, there had to be a quite a bit of work to pass inspection and he said, in order to have a working highway department with reliable vehicles it's time to change them out. So, he put it in the budget.

Selectman Huebner: Would this be better served as a warrant article than in the budget?

John Harrington: It certainly could.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I was waiting for that.

Selectman Huebner: It seems like something of this magnitude...

Vice Chairman Pitman: That way they can put the specs.

Selectman Huebner: Or would it be one of those warrant articles which would say if the budget is not approved, if this was in the budget and it was not approved, then we have this warrant article to see if the town would approve just this...

John Harrington: Well, the warrant article would have to pass as well.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, but I mean, if we put it in the budget then the warrant article is redundant unless the budget doesn't pass in which case, they would vote on this.

John Harrington: It could, yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: I think we need to put this in a warrant article just... does the highway have a, um...

Selectman Dill: Trust fund. Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah.

John Harrington: Not for vehicles.

Selectwoman McHugh: We don't?

Selectman Dill: Sorry. Wrong information.

John Harrington: His recommendation was... I was going to recommend we start one.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yep.

John Harrington: Much like we have for fire and rescue, for apparatus. I think it's important to tuck money away... When these vehicles reach their life span that we have something put away to replace to them.

Selectman Dill: I don't disagree that we need something. I mean, we need something. I don't think we need three hundred thousand dollars of budget increases.

Selectwoman McHugh: (Inaudible, a few people talking at the same time)

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, a few people talking at the same time) ...pick-up.

Selectman Dill: I mean six wheelers are expensive but I don't think we can afford that in the budget without it being a warrant article.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We need to do the math, Alden. Deduct the two hundred ninety-nine thousand.

Selectman Dill: Yep, I was just about to do that for you.

Selectman Huebner: I'm afraid if we put this in the budget, we're gonna have a failed budget.

Selectwoman McHugh: Right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Correct. I think it's unanimous.

Selectman Dill: Because we're gonna have to leave a dollar in there so we can't just take it all out. All right, I got four, seven, seven, eight, six, eight. That isn't right.

Selectman Huebner: And while you do that math, uh, there's other lines I think I want to question which seemed to be quite a bit larger than normal.

Selectman Dill: Four, Seven, six, eight, six, nine if we pull that out so I'll modify my motion to four hundred and seventy-six thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That can't be right if you left a dollar in.

Selectman Dill: I'll blame it on a new phone and a calculator that's not working and let John do it.

Vice Chairman Pitman: If you were right before and said four seventy-seven.

John Harrington: Four seventy-seven, eight sixty-eight.

Selectman Dill: All right, thanks.

Selectwoman McHugh: You never question yourself.

Selectman Dill: No, that was a problem.

Selectman Huebner: IT can't be eight six eight if you're leaving a dollar in.

Selectman Dill: That was what I thought because... (inaudible, others talking and papers being shuffled) ...yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What else you got Will?

Selectman Huebner: It can't be eight six eight if you're leaving a dollar in.

Selectman Dill: That was what I thought because... (inaudible, someone starts talking at the same time)

Selectman Huebner: (Inaudible, someone else talking at the same time.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Eight, six, seven.

Selectman Dill: Or it's eight, six, nine. Whatever. I'm lost.

John Harrington: Four, seven, seven, eight, six, eight. If we're deducting two hundred ninety-nine thousand.

Selectman Dill: Nine hundred and ninety-nine. It wouldn't be four, seven, seven, eight, six, nine.

Selectman Huebner: two hundred and ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars less.

John Harrington: Four, seven, six, eight, six, nine (\$476,869.00).

Selectman Huebner: Yeah.

Selectman Dill: So, I was right the second time. All right, then.

Vice Chairman Pitman: With class tomorrow in math.

Selectman Dill: yeah, yeah, all right. So, that's where we're at now without that vehicle lease and...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Four, seven, six, eight, six, nine.

Selectman Dill: And I agree that I think it's worth putting in a replacement for a warrant article or a trust fund.

Selectman Huebner: We just have to remember to do that.

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Selectman Huebner: John, I guess, someone helps.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What else we got Will?

Selectman Huebner: So, there's a lot of things like this, the, um, vehicle maintenance repair which has been running in the, uh, twelve thousandish range. We're at twenty-five thousand this time. In the salt we're running usually in the forty-four, forty-five or ninety. Now that's probably because the price of salt is doubled from what it has been, right? Alden is shaking his head yes.

Selectman Dill: I would say, yes. It's gone up considerably.

Selectman Huebner: So, some of these things are because of the prices increasing.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Sand is thirty-one. That's about normal because we're not planning to buy much sand this year, right?

Selectman Dill: Yeah. And then there are some other ones, I mean, like tree care and contracting. They were so low it wasn't even funny so we're trying to catch up again...

Selectman Huebner: Like eight thousand for culverts, they usually runs around three thousand.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. I think a lot of this is just the prices have gone way up and we haven't had a budget in so long that we're eight years of catching up in one year.

Selectman Huebner: So, here's my concern if we... if Fred has basically and I'm not saying wrongly so, but if Fred has just thrown in a lot of bigger numbers because he wants to get some catch up and get things fixed and repaired, we're going to end up with a budget of, um, well the number we just had, uh, four seventy...

Selectman Dill: Four, seven, six, eight, six, nine.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah. How does it compare to last year's budget which was two sixty-nine, I think, Yeah, two sixty-nine one thirty-one. So now we're going to be four seventy-nine. We're almost going to double the highway budget.

Selectman Dill: Mhm.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I'm still in...

Selectman Huebner: You know, is that gonna fly? Is this just going to sink our budget and put us in another default. I'm looking at you but I'm asking my fellow...

Selectwoman McHugh: According... (inaudible, weird glitch sound) ...was the next big one too.

John Harrington: That was extreme. That was almost double the prices...

Selectman Dill: That's gone way up.

John Harrington: ...this year.

Selectwoman McHugh: It's tripled.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Usage... (inaudible, very soft spoken)

John Harrington: Well, there was a lot more patching that could have been done. We just didn't have the funding for it.

Selectwoman McHugh: No, I know it's gonna go up but we went from... aye, yi, yi...

Selectman Dill: But we've already overspent that and we've got holes.

Selectwoman McHugh: Right, we've almost overspent it but we went... all right, we spent fifty-eight hundred but now we want twenty thousand.

Selectman Huebner: Right. It looks like Fred is almost double the most... most everyone of the maintenance.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Look at highway mowing, they just did it for ten thousand dollars and they got in at twenty.

Selectman Huebner: Right. It's doubled.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's no need of it. Somebody needs to go down through this.

Selectman Huebner: I'm just worried that we're going to sink the budget.

Selectman Dill: I, I, but on the other hand I have the concern about is putting a low budget in hopes of making it and then it and then it losing anyway. I'd rather ask for what we need then just put low in. What did we pay for mowing, Dick?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Ten.

Selectman Dill: Ten.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's in twenty.

Selectman Dill: So, if we did that for like fifteen?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Why should you change it ... (inaudible)?

Selectwoman McHugh: Mowing...

Selectman Huebner: Tires, we normally have twenty-five hundred and this time we got six thousand. Are there more vehicles or just all the tires are worn out at one time and maybe we haven't had the money to put new tires on, but, I mean, we are just escalating budgets.

Selectman Dill: I wish this explanation was closer. I mean, the tires, if we're putting tires on say, the loader or something like that it can add up pretty quick. It says replacement tire repairs.

Selectman Huebner: (inaudible, papers being shuffled) ...over last year. Tires are up a hundred and forty percent over last year. Culverts are up a hundred and sixty-six percent over last year. General mowing, uh, I'm tracking it up three hundred percent over last year. (Inaudible, mumbling) ...double this a hundred over last year. Heating oil was doubled. That one may be explainable.

Vice Chairman Pitman: How much time do we have John if we hire a new road agent?

John Harrington: Well, you are meeting Wednesday.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, very soft spoken).

Selectman Dill: Also, how fast the new road agent can start.

John Harrington: Correct.

Selectman Dill: Because if they can't start for two weeks then that would push this out three weeks.

John Harrington: Right.

Selectwoman McHugh: We didn't have a line for... (inaudible).

Vice Chairman Pitman: We're supposed to have one.

Selectman Dill: I thought that was in a contract.

John Harrington: that's typically how it works.

Selectwoman McHugh: (Inaudible, soft spoken and pages being flipped) ...that's why it's doubled. Ten thousand for (inaudible) contract and then ten thousand for the mowing.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Selectwoman McHugh: Twenty thousand

Selectman Dill: Yeah, because we didn't do it this year, did we? We just did the mowing. Is that what it cost to do the not weed for the town last year or the year before, was it ten? I remember us doing it. I don't remember what the cost was.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What do you want to do Will? You want to analyze this further?

Selectman Huebner: Yes. I think this is a huge part of the budget.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: This represents about...

Selectman Dill: It's the biggest.

Selectman Huebner: ...fifteen or twenty percent of the entire budget.

Selectman Dill: This and the transfer station are the biggest two blocks.

Selectman Huebner: And I just see we're throwing a lot of money at it which again I'm not saying it's not justified, but I just wonder if this is going to sink the budget? Whether the MBC might challenge it quite heavily which I'll have to defend because I'm a representative.

Selectman Dill: We did drop it two hundred ninety-nine thousand, right off. No, I agree.

Selectman Huebner: But if that passes that they want the vehicles then that adds to the budget in the sense that it's another... it's just more taxpayer burden. I guess I'm inclined to postpone it a weekend and try to get with Fred or somebody like that can help us understand what we really need here. Maybe I'm... not saying it's not justified; I just don't know what...

Selectwoman McHugh: the, um, the hot top is there gonna be another warrant article? The road reconstruction is five hundred thousand dollars on...

Selectman Dill: I just flipped ahead to that and I was gonna say, uh, yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: five hundred thousand for town road paving and if we have another two hundred and fifty thousand for warrant out there, it's gonna be seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Selectman Dill: I was going to suggest we can go up from two fifty but I had just flipped ahead to road construction we got five hundred thousand on that line so that's five hundred and four there which brings the whole world budget way up.

Selectman Huebner: Right. I'm afraid we're going to have a twenty-five percent increase in the budget and they're never going to pass it. In a sense we're just wasting our time.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (Inaudible, very soft spoken)

Selectman Dill: Yeah. That's...

Selectman Huebner: The problem is, we don't have anybody to look it over. We don't have a road agent who should be sitting here defending everything ... (inaudible, papers being shuffled and gone through in front of a mic) ...who in the next week is going to be able to answer these things? Somebody out of the highway department people or how do we do this, procedurally?

Selectman Dill: Yeah. It brings the whole highway and streets budget to over a million. It's like one, one.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Crazy.

Selectman Huebner: On a four and half million-dollar budget that's a third of the budget.

Selectman Dill: Quarter.

Selectman Huebner: A little over a million, oh yeah. Okay, a quarter. We're both having trouble with math tonight.

Selectman Dill: Evidently. Um...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Put it off to next week?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes, please.

Selectman Dill: Yes. We're gonna have to.

Vice Chairman Pitman: have John look something up.

John Harrington: There's a motion and a second on the table. So, that... you want to adjust your motion?

Selectman Dill: I will make... change my motion to table it.

Selectwoman McHugh: Second.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Second by Cindy. All in favor?

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

John Harrington: Table to the twenty-fourth.

Selectman Dill: I think we're all gonna have to bring these home and work on something for next week.

Selectman Huebner: I guess that's my question here is, how do we address it so we don't come back next week and have the same issues before us? How could we do that?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, John or Pete could pull up last year's numbers.

Selectman Dill: Well, we have last year's numbers in here.

John Harrington: You have last year's numbers right here.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, column four.

Selectwoman McHugh: Do you still have the descriptions form last year?

John Harrington: They didn't change all that much.

Selectman Dill: Do you have the proposed budget from last year for the highway and that line? Cause I know we had increased it like, I want to say just blanket increased it to a certain, like twenty percent, from the default.

John Harrington: I'd have to look.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

John Harrington: Do you want to go through other portions of the budget? That's just one. That's just highways and streets. There's still, uh, road resurfacing, construction, gravel... through some of those? Those aren't part of that. They're all individual.

Selectwoman McHugh: (inaudible, papers being shuffled by a mic) ...five hundred thousand I just brought up.

Selectman Dill: So, we've got page forty-nine which is...

John Harrington: Forty-eight is the next one. That's...

Selectman Dill: Well, we have forty-nine, RS equipment rental and lease.

John Harrington: That's a different budget. That's for reconstruction. The forty-eight is road surfacing.

Selectman Dill: Okay but don't we have to vote on that five thousand on road surfacing? Page forty-eight.

John Harrington: Yes. That whole budget is five thousand one dollar (\$5,001.00).

Selectman Dill: Yes. So, I'm just saying we have to vote on that page.

John Harrington: Yes.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion for five thousand and one dollar.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Vice Chairman Pitman: What's that on? Number forty-eight?

Selectman Dill: That's on page forty-eight. It's the RS tarring and sealing.

Vice Chairman Pitman: For five thousand and one dollars.

Selectman Huebner: Discussion?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Discussion.

Selectman Huebner: So, that's two hundred thirty-three percent increase over the last year. Fifteen hundred last year. We're five thousand this year.

John Harrington: That was to include tarring and sealing so that some of the roads could be maintained and get a little more use out of them. Right now, fifteen hundred dollars you can't do much at all.

Selectman Huebner: So, there's justification for it.

Selectman Dill: That's crack sealing, I think.

John Harrington: Correct.

Selectman Dill: Which we have done on and off.

John Harrington: And that does help get a little life out of some of the roads.

Selectwoman McHugh: It's just gonna seal the roads that they're doing now?

John Harrington: This would be sealing whatever roads need it. Probably roads that hadn't just been redone but are in need of it to prolong their life.

Selectman Dill: This is crack sealing not over sealing. This is...

Selectwoman McHugh: Oh, all right.



Selectman Huebner: This just maintaining old roads.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Keep water out of the seams.

Selectman Huebner: I'm satisfied with the discussion.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All in favor?

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Dill: All right, so that brings us to page forty-nine.

John Harrington: That has the five hundred thousand. If you want to table that or make a decision, you can.

Selectman Huebner: So, last year almost...

John Harrington: You need a motion first.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion in the amount of five hundred and nine thousand four hundred and fifty-five dollars.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Huebner: Okay, so, last year we had nearly five hundred thousand between the amount that was in the budget and the warrant article.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: Four hundred and ninety or something and now this time we're asking for the same thing but all in the budget and we don't know, I guess, if there's going to be a warrant article.

John Harrington: I believe when I was discussing this with Fred his thought was, there is such a need for paving in this town. If we want to try to get ahead of it this is approaching real numbers and this would be included in the budget at that increase of two fifty-seven to five hundred with an additional warrant article. He said, other than that you're going to be stuck with these small projects and you're not going to make headway.

Selectman Dill: Five hundred did not get us that far this year.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You want a bigger warrant article?

Selectman Dill: Well, I was going to call for a bigger warrant article but I kind of see the justification on this as well.

Selectman Huebner: So, you're saying that we'll have five hundred in the budget and then we'll have a bigger warrant article so maybe approach a million dollars for spending...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Won't happen.

Selectman Huebner: ...at a time when cold patch, I mean not cold patch...

Selectman Dill: Asphalt.

Selectman Huebner: ...Asphalt is so expensive and will only get... not much money for our buck?

Selectman Dill: I mean, when we were looking at... when we got that road survey back, the amount we had to spend in a year to catch up was well over a million. So, this isn't... I mean, unless we pave short roads like Birch Road or just pieces of roads here and there, we're not...

John Harrington: Just shimmed and overlaid.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. ...we're not making major progress is the thought. So, I can see why we do that and put it in there. Asphalt has gone up and, yeah, two fifty is not gonna get us much. If wasn't for that separate warrant article we wouldn't have gotten much done at all this year.

Selectman Huebner: Is this the year to put a million dollars out and only get a third of a million for your buck?

Vice Chairman Pitman: No.

Selectman Huebner: No. I asked that as a facetious question. you know, it's kinda like the stock market. You're buying high...

Selectman Dill: But then again, we have been stuck with the low amount for years. I mean, it's a good thing you've had that warrant article for the last couple years or we would have been completely stuck with nothing.

Selectwoman McHugh: I think we should up the warrant article and take this out because this is... we're not gonna pass the budget.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, I'm inclined the same way. I think rather than sink the budget, uh, we go with a warrant article.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That's been your thought from the get-go so, stick with it.

Selectman Dill: So, what are you proposing we change this number to?

Selectman Huebner: What's our typical number? Two fifty, two sixty-five?

Selectman Dill: It was two fifty-seven.

Selectman Huebner: Two fifty-seven.

Selectman Dill: It's been two fifty-seven for years and years and years and years and years.

Selectman Huebner: Oh yeah. Well, so since we got a budget passed.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Go back to what it was?

Selectman Dill: I wouldn't go below three fifty myself but if you're inclined to go lower.

Selectwoman McHugh: Take it down to where we were and just put more money in the warrant article. I mean, you can up the warrant article. We need to save this budget.

Selectman Huebner: And if the budget doesn't pass and if the warrant article doesn't pass then we'll end up with only two fifty for roads next year.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Dealers choice.

Selectman Dill: All right, I'm going to make a motion to change seven thirty-five to three fifty so at least we're going up some.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Seven thirty-five.

Selectman Dill: That's the hot top and grinding.

Selectwoman McHugh: Keep in mind that the other one that we just tabled... what was that? If we don't get that changed...

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, that's an extra three hundred thousand.

Selectwoman McHugh: Right.

Selectman Huebner: Well, we do have a motion. Do we have a second?

Selectman Dill: Doesn't sound like it.

Vice Chairman Pitman: No. I still got the original one.

Selectman Huebner: I'll make a motion that we make it two fifty-seven. Two hundred fifty-seven thousand like it has been in the default even though I don't like the fact that we won't be able to pave anything with it and then we rely on the citizens to vote yes on the warrant article.

Selectman Dill: You gotta speak up Cindy.

John Harrington: is there a second?

Selectwoman McHugh: Second.

Selectman Dill: I hear it.

Selectwoman McHugh: He wasn't done so I was...

Selectman Dill: I hear it but nobody else did.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You're saying total, Will, of two fifty-seven for the page?

Selectman Dill: No, for that line.

Selectman Huebner: For that line.

Selectman Dill: Line seven thirty-five.

Selectman Huebner: Which is going to make a total of two sixty-five.

Selectman Dill: John's got his calculator out.

Selectman Huebner: Eight thousand more.

John Harrington: Decreasing it by two hundred and forty-three thousand.

Selectman Dill: So that line is... I mean the total will be...

Selectman Huebner: two sixty-eight, I think.

John Harrington: Two sixty-six four fifty-five.

Vice Chairman Pitman: You want to make a motion for that, Will?

Selectman Huebner: Okay. I'll motion that we approve the entire, um, section here for two sixty-six four fifty-five.

Selectwoman McHugh: Second.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Second by Cindy. You all good?

Selectman Dill: Well, we gotta vote on it.

Selectwoman McHugh: I just think I'd... I don't like doing this but I think the warrant article... if the taxpayers want their roads fixed, they'll vote for it. If they don't think it's important enough...

Selectman Dill: The only thing is, we have to significantly increase the warrant article.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yep.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That's up to...

Selectman Huebner: It's gonna be up to us to put a number in the warrant article that voters will accept. If it's too high they might back at it.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All in favor of two sixty-six four fifty-five

**Vote: Yea 3, Nay 1, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Dill: All right, so then we're on gravel.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion in the amount of twenty thousand and one dollar.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: I'm guessing the year-to-date number is way old on this one because...

John Harrington: It was from the beginning of September.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. I'm guessing we've used a fair amount of gravel we've ordered.

John Harrington: Some, not a lot.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, why did we go up so far? I'm sorry.

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's all right. go ahead.

Selectwoman McHugh: Why did we go up so far then if we just... (inaudible, a glitch sound and papers being shuffled) ...to date.

John Harrington: That is to the beginning of September. Ray has ordered some. I don't know much.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, don't look at the year to date. Look at the budget number. I guess we've had sixteen and we spent fourteen, right?

John Harrington: Correct.

Selectman Huebner: Now this year we have sixteen again and we've... so far, they have only spent four but they'll spend more than that for the rest of the year.

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, because they got to do all... we're going to spend some doing all the shoulder work after we pave.

John Harrington: Right, yeah.

Selectman Dill: I don't think that's way out of line.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Twenty thousand one.

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Dill: Well, that gets... unless we do... we gotta... we haven't done bridges and dams, right? Do we have to go through those?

Selectman Huebner: What's page fifty-one?

Selectman Dill: That's the total for all the highway.

John Harrington: Page fifty-two. There's a total page after a common department.

Selectman Dill: So that's all highway.

Selectman Huebner: Okay, so it would have been... proposed to be one million three hundred eleven thousand.

Selectman Dill: But we just cut...

Selectman Huebner: But we just cut out...

Selectman Dill: Five hundred and fifty.

Selectman Huebner: Right. Okay.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion for two thousand dollars for bridge repair line.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectwoman McHugh: (inaudible, papers being shuffled by mic) ...two thousand dollars ... (inaudible, papers being shuffled by mic).

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, papers being shuffled by mic).

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Selectman Dill: It's up from a buck.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All in favor of two thousand.

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Dill: Now my favorite line.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion for five hundred dollars for damn fees.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: That's my favorite line of the whole budget and the state sets a damn fee so there's nothing we can do about it.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All in favor of five hundred.

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

John Harrington: So, you're changing...

Selectman Dill: No. We didn't change we just... we did all those.

Selectman Huebner: Page fifty-four.

Selectwoman McHugh: And fifty-five.

Selectman Dill: Yep, fifty-five.

John Harrington: (inaudible, sounds like mic is off)

Selectman Dill: Yes.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yes.

Selectman Dill: And now are we gonna go to the transfer station or...?

Selectman Huebner: Is it true that we only have one damn in the town?

Selectman Dill: No, I think we have multiples.

(Inaudible talking from somewhere)

Selectman Huebner: Three. Okay.

Selectman Dill: There's different dams under different ownership, though, is where it gets confusing.

Selectman Huebner: Right.

Selectman Dill: There's some dams that we own. There's some, like, dams that, um, the Pleasant Lake dam. Fish and Game owns that. So...

Selectman Huebner: At the damn bureau in Concord.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, there's a lot of dam fees.

Vice Chairman Pitman: What number are we going to?

Selectman Dill: Uh, I've got fifty-six which is the sanitation administration line.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion in the amount of eighty-four thousand one hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$84,168.00).

Selectman Huebner: This is similar to the previous year.

Selectman Dill: Yes.

**Second:** Selectman Huebner  
**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Dill: Okay, and then we have the solid waste collection line for the amount of forty-two thousand six hundred and thirteen dollars (\$45,613.00).

**Motion:** Selectman Dill

Selectman Huebner: Where do you see that?

Selectman Dill: Page fifty-eight.

Selectman Huebner: What about fifty-seven.

Selectman Dill: That was... that's the total for the page we just voted on.

Selectman Huebner: Right. So, this is the solid waste...

Selectman Dill: Collection line.

John Harrington: Somebody make a motion?

Selectman Dill: Yes. Nobody's seconded it yet.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**

Selectman Huebner: And this...? Okay.

Selectman Dill: This is transfer station costs, I guess would be the easiest way to describe it.

Selectman Huebner: So, in previous years we had budgeted forty-three thousand and we've used thirty thousand in the twenty twenty-one year and then we have a budget of forty-three again because of the

default budget and we've spent, up to date, not to date but the end of September, um, about eighteen thousand. So, about half of it.

John Harrington: That's to the end of August, Will.

Selectman Huebner: End of August. Okay. Thank you. And so now we're setting another budget at forty-two eight which is almost the default number. Forty-three three is the default. I just...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Goes down two percent.

Selectman Huebner: Yes, down a couple percent, right.

Selectman Dill: This is one that hasn't changed too much.

Selectman Huebner: Right.

Selectman Dill: The next one...

Selectman Huebner: Or is too high compared to what we actually spend. We're actually spending around thirty thousand. We're just inflating the budget number by thirteen unnecessarily and risking, you know, reaction.

Selectman Dill: Well, I'd also say one of the lines here is maintenance for equipment so if nothing breaks you don't spend any money. If things break you spend money.

Selectman Huebner: so, where did the thirteen thousand... Oh, excuse me, it's the same as the other budget. Okay, right. So, we're not increasing the budget but we're just not recognizing that we just don't spend it all, usually, typically. Now unless we...

Vice Chairman Pitman: If we need it.

Selectman Huebner: ...if we need it. But when you do this kind of philosophy, you're obviously inflating the budget like contingency but that risks having the taxpayers reject it.

Selectman Dill: It also risks something breaking and not being able to fix it. Because if the loader goes down for five thousand dollars' worth of repair and we slash that like to two thousand saying we only spent two thousand year and we can't fix the loader. Then we have an issue.

Selectman Huebner: But it is a bottom-line budget, ultimately.

Selectman Dill: It is but if we do that to every line then where are you going to find the extra money?

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, I'm saying you shouldn't have any contingency but if you put a contingency on every line and obviously you have too much. So, it's about a balance. Okay. I'm okay with it. It's the same budget as last year, so...

Vice Chairman Pitman: All in favor of the motion?

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Dill: This is the one that's going to go up.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion for solid waste disposal on page sixty to two ninety-five nine o one (\$295,901.00).

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: Which is up considerably but this is based on actual fees that we're paying.

Selectman Huebner: What is the increase here on the fee to dispose of this to the next place that it goes when we transfer it?

Selectman Dill: Yeah, so if you flip to the last page of your... that'll have our... what we're actually paying for our tipping fees... Wheelabrator... are up considerably.

Selectman Huebner: So which line is that?

Selectman Dill: Okay, so that top one there is the solid waste disposal so that's two fifty. Wheelabrator sixteen tons at eighty-two. Up two dollars with a surcharge above that.

Selectman Huebner: So, that's two fifty.

Selectman Dill: What we see on top of that one, four twenty on the top.

Selectman Huebner: Which is up... yeah, the actual spend in twenty-one was two forty-eight so that's right there.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. So even if we put in a default number of two fourteen, we're still gonna spend two fifty.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, and then he's got recyclables down there and I think that' recycling just not doing well.

Selectman Huebner: (inaudible, papers being shuffled and soft spoken) ...on a six fifty default, I mean, sixty-five hundred default. Where's the detail on that.

Selectman Dill: Same page. Just go down. He doesn't have any detail beyond just, that's the fee.

Selectman Huebner: Oh, recyclables.

Selectman Dill: And then some of the other ones are offset like the tire disposal is kind of... it's in and out because we charge fees on that one. Hazardous waste day we pay for it but I think there's some matching grant on that one, is there or something? We just pay for that one? Okay. So, that's whatever they charge us for that. I thought that was a cooperative on the waste thing? No?

John Harrington: They do it but we have to pay for it.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Selectman Huebner: There's a twenty-five, twenty-six percent increase but it sounds like it's justified based on current fees.

Selectman Dill: I would argue for years after talking to Rick about this budget that that's justified.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, very soft spoken).

Selectman Dill: I Know when he said there was a change from work from home that we were moving a lot more solid waste and between that we've had a lot more people in here. Yeah, I'd say so.

Vice Chairman Pitman: (inaudible, speaking softly) ...on Saturday.

Selectman Dill: There's a lot of trash that goes in and out of that place.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We all set on that? Two ninety-five nine o one. All in favor?

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Dill: All right, which brings us to the end of that one. Veasey Park and I see Travis out there.

Selectman Huebner: Oh, yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: He made it.

Selectman Dill: Page sixty... it's quite a ways through.

Selectman Huebner: What page is it?



Selectman Dill: Page sixty-nine.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion in the amount of thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$39,977.00).

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

Vice Chairman Pitman: Second by Cindy. Travis, you have the mic.

Travis McCoy: Essentially, it's the same budget that we've been working for the last few years, proposed budget and, uh, our major increase is in the personnel line. Um, the budget that we work off of, again, doesn't account for the amount of lifeguards that we have on duty in order to account for the park attendant which over the last couple of years... (inaudible, papers being shuffled by mic). So, our budget's based on, uh, the two lifeguards, a hundred and twenty hours a week and all the park attendants at fifty-six hours a week. You'll notice we do have a little bit left over this year from the swim instructions. Um, even with... it was five lifeguards and then three park attendance we still had some scheduling issues, um, so we did have some days where we had no employees. Not a lot of rain days this year. Not as many but, um, I believe that's the reason that we were able to stay under the budget his year as far as the personnel line as well as...

Selectman Dill: So, on the lifeguards we're paying eleven like, Cindy and I both thought we were paying well over eleven fifty this year.

Travis McCoy: Um, so, we have... most everybody's at twelve dollars' an hour. Um, this year we experimented with, um, having a head lifeguard at fifteen dollars' an hour. She did a great job, um, but there's still some, um, still some issues there. Having somebody that's less knowledgeable about the park, I guess, in an administrative role, um, but there's problems there.

Selectman Dill: Wait, so, the question I'd have with that is... this number was figured on twenty-four hours a week at eleven fifty an hour. So, if we're paying twelve and fifteen that wouldn't be enough money for the fifteen thousand one eighty, right?

Travis McCoy: Um, so, we base that on eleven weeks, twenty-four hours a week, eleven fifty an hour, um, nobody works twenty-four hours a week. Um, it's hard for us to base it on an hourly... on a certain amount of hours per week. Essentially, I'm just looking at, you know, bottom line we have some that are making fifteen, some that are making, you know, our park attendants are making ten. Um, our new guards come on at eleven. We have other guards that are making twelve. They didn't get real specific with that line change but next year an extra, you might have people at thirteen and two new ones at eleven and a couple veterans at twelve or thirteen.

Selectman Dill: So, I guess my concern was just if we have enough money in there.

Travis McCoy: Almost.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Travis McCoy: Almost. Um, last year we went over budget and made some adjustments this year. We brought a, um, we brought a swim instruction, swim instructor assistant on just during the hours, uh, during swim lessons. So, that person was actually only working a three-hour shift which I was afraid nobody was going to take. Who wants to come in for three hours in an afternoon, um, do that three times a week. They're, you know, getting in nine hours and that's it but somehow it worked out. Um, the only other way to do that would be to schedule three lifeguards on all day and that just doesn't make any sense whatsoever. Budget wise or really, um, as soon as swim lessons were over a lot of the crowd is gone so it doesn't make sense to have all those lifeguards. It's kind of a... that's... it's kind of a fluid line, really. That personnel line. It's constantly changing.

Selectman Dill: But you feel confident you can do it for twenty-one thousand and something for next year? I just don't want to be in a situation where you can't pay enough to hire people.

Travis McCoy: Right.

Selectman Dill: Which we've been there before and now your hiring people at a higher wage so we can keep people and I understand why you're paying higher wage but...

Travis McCoy: You can ask for more but trying to keep it, uh... I'd lie to attract those people that they, you know, want to put in the thirty-two hours a week, um, and the higher wage tends to do that. It seems like when we pay them less, they are gonna work less but it, again, it's hard to have five or six lifeguards on our payroll and then trying to schedule them all too, so, um, I think we can do it with this amount of money, um, but we're still... my biggest concern is the administration factor. It's ... (inaudible, papers being shuffled by mic) ...overseeing what's going on down there, um, and that's something that we just... we don't know how to fix that one. Warrant article is pretty much the only thing that we can...

Selectman Dill: Warrant article to have a new position?

Travis McCoy: To increase it from... yeah, to increase the parts on personnel line and add either a pay raise for on of the individuals or add a whole new position. I'm not really sure.

Selectman Dill: Sounds like more of a budget more than a warrant article move.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Unless it's a new position.

Selectman Dill: Yeah, but it still looks like...

Vice Chairman Pitman: They're their own committee.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Selectwoman McHugh: (inaudible, soft spoken)

Selectman Dill: That was a good point, Dick. Is that how it would work because it's like direct commission or like the library trustees?

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, we have to fund it but they didn't...

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Still have your commissioners?

Travis McCoy: Yeah, somewhere. I'm hoping to be able to get them together to meet next week but there's end of season stuff we got to take care of.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Any other questions for Travis?

Travis McCoy: I've always relied on... we've all done... before me, Glenda was the administrator, you know, um, and then Cindy was able to fill that role as well but it takes a special individual that's able to take that time off so that's something that we want to make happen. I just don't want to hit the taxpayers with anymore that what we really need to.

Selectman Huebner: When the taxpayers say that's a thirty percent increase over last year, which it is. We have to explain that it's the amount of, um, lifeguards and attendants and the dollar... and the earning rate going up.

Travis McCoy: Right.

Selectman Huebner: Thirty percent is a pretty big jump for a year.

Selectman Dill: But it's also thirty percent, again not sound like a broken record, it's thirty percent form eight years ago.

Travis McCoy: I think one thing that a lot of people don't understand is out budget is... All right, so the twelve thousand that's in our part-time employee, that's a lifeguard for the entire season. We can't do a life... just a single lifeguard here. We need two. Um, so I don't think a lot of people quite understand that that's what we're budgeted for. We're budgeted to provide a single lifeguard for, could be, eighty to a hundred some odd

people. So, when people ask me about why we're looking to increase our personnel budget that's for me... that's the simplest answer, is you want more than one lifeguard for thirty or forty kids in the water.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Yeah.

Selectman Huebner: I think... I agree... I'm not... I need to convince myself which you're doing and then I need to be able to explain it to people that ask me so...

Travis McCoy: That's one of those things that if you don't know, you know, it looks funny, you know, that's what it really is.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All good? So, say the number again Alden.

Selectman Dill: Thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

Vice Chairman Pitman: For the record. All in favor?

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you Travis.

Travis McCoy: Thank you all.

Selectman Dill: Thanks, Travis. We're getting there. I'll make a motion for the minutes of ten eleven.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I gotta to reel you in for a minute. Wait till I announce it.

Selectman Dill: Oh, I'm sorry.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Review of outstanding minutes from ten eleven.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

John Harrington: You also have minutes from ten twelve, that short meeting, if you want to add both.

Selectman Dill: I'll amend my motion for ten twelve.

Vice Chairman Pitman: No. Let's do that separate.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That way we have both on file. All in favor of the ten eleven?

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion for ten twelve.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Vice Chairman Pitman: Payroll manifest of eighty-nine thousand two hundred fifty-one dollars (\$89,251.00) with a net payroll of fifty-seven thousand eight hundred fifty-one dollars (\$57,851.00).

**Motion:** Selectman Dill

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Huebner: Uncle Sam gets his cut. Eighty-nine thousand but we only get fifty-seven thousand. Is there an accounts payable this year... I mean...

Vice Chairman Pitman: Coming at you buddy. Accounts payable manifest, fifty-four thousand eight hundred and sixty-one dollars and eighty cents (\$54,861.80)., Will.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill  
**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Huebner: I'm keeping my mouth shut.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I have a cemetery lot application. Stephen King and Bridget King. It is lot B7. Five hundred fifty dollars.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill  
**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you. Longevity award of ten years of service to Dennis Paradise. I don't see him out here.

Selectman Dill: No. I don't either so... We don't have to vote on those. We just sign them. I didn't realize he's been here ten years. That is pretty good.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Next we have New Hampshire Municipal Association, who can contact them, is that...?

John Harrington: That's correct.

Vice Chairman Pitman: For legal or questions. Any board member of the selectmen, gives our name, town administrator, town clerk, planning board chair, planning board vice chair, town planner, zoning board chair and vice chair, the municipal budget committee chair and vice chair. We need a motion...?

John Harrington: For you to sign.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion for the chair to sign.  
**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh  
**Discussion:**

Selectman Dill: That's pretty much the same one we've for years, right?

John Harrington: Yeah. Annual.

Selectman Huebner: I don't think we voted, did we?

Selectman Dill: No, we didn't.

Vice Chairman Pitman: All in favor?

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's signed.

Selectman Dill: It was controversial but it was right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We have the dental coverage rates. John, can you explain that?

John Harrington: Uh, dental coverage is almost flat this year. That's just the new agreement coming up for twenty twenty-three for full-time staff.

Selectwoman McHugh: Has it changed from last years?

John Harrington: It's not, uh, there's a slight increase. I think one point five percent but I think what's in the budget will...

Selectwoman McHugh: How about for the employees? They get the same coverage.

John Harrington: Oh, the same. The coverage has not changed but then again that is different depending on the type of make-up whether it's a single individual or family, two persons, so it's kind of a fluctuating number.

Selectman Dill: Is that just for you to sign, Dick, or is that for...?

Vice Chairman Pitman: I'm getting there. Digging, digging, digging. I could use a good secretary, Cindy. Well, we need a motion for vice to sign.

**Motion:** Selectman Dill makes a motion to have the chair sign.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion Carries**

Selectman Dill: Doing fine Dick. Moving along. Now we just have to hope we have a one point five in the health insurance and then we'll be doing good.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Nothing in the correspondence so we'll move onto town administrator.

John Harrington: I don't have anything to report this evening but we do have two members from the fire rescue department here to discuss the RFP that the board tabled until today.

Vice Chairman Pitman: They want to go to the mic or are they on...?

John Harrington: They're on the meeting.

Selectwoman McHugh: Up there.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Go ahead, Will.

Selectman Huebner: So, if you look at that RFP it's got terms in there that are trade names of equipment that's to be provided and if you do that it kind of says to the other bidders that you've already decided to go with certain companies and certain, you know, that there's a bias toward a certain company. So, in business what we do when we have that we, what you call, scrub the RFP. Meaning to scrub out all of these trade names so that it's generic looking and they can bid different trades or different, uh, vendors to supply the pieces and parts. So, I think we should have the police chief and the, I would suggest the assistant, go through the RFP and...

Selectman Dill: It's fire.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Fire chief.

Selectman Huebner: Right, fire chief. ...to scrub the document so that it won't be viewed by others as just a check bid otherwise, they won't bid very well because they'll think it's just a check bid.

Vice Chairman Pitman: I agree with you completely.

Selectman Dill: Yeah. It went down even to the brand of the lights on it and I had...

Selectman Huebner: The brand should be removed.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can you handle that, Chris?

Chris Gallant: Yep. I can hear you. I'm sorry, my phone won't... the camera won't work but I can understand that.

Selectwoman McHugh: That's okay.

Chris Gallant: Yeah, we can scrub it up a little bit and, uh, remove some of the stuff. Some stuff only one company makes that kind of stuff. Like the power cot but we can get rid of the name of it and just put a power loader cot. Does that make sense?

Selectman Huebner: Right.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Okay, Cindy, you're next.

Selectwoman McHugh: Can we just like tell them what we want for this rather than, I mean, this looks like a quote without the numbers and, uh...

Chris Gallant: Yeah, so that... what you're seeing without the numbers is actually exactly what we want but I can see where they're saying... we tried to make it non-biased but that quote is actually the exact same one we want.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Any other questions for Chris?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, hold on.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Take your time, Cindy.

Selectman Huebner: Well, it seems like the RFP is extremely detailed down to every little nut and bolt practically which on the face you say, oh that's good but it may be also specifying things that we not really need. So, again, in the scrubbing and the review process if there's stuff that's been specified from... it almost looks as though they've copied a quote that they had from the past that somebody had specified a lot of stuff and then they just took the out the numbers and said here's the quote. So, we just want to make sure, of course, that we're not buying stuff that we wouldn't really specify ourselves.

Chris Gallant: Um, yeah, so that again... that the RFP... the way we broke it up is we didn't want to leave anything out and that is exactly what we're looking for so I don't know if removing stuff would help it but I guess we could generalize what we want then later on down the road when we do the hard copy quote, we'll ask for all that stuff back in.

Selectman Huebner: So, you're saying we do need everything that's specified?

Chris Gallant: Uh, yes. Well, everything that was on there. It is extensive, like you said down to the bolts and nuts and construction of it, but I guess I'm lost on like what would you get rid of? What would you want to remove?

Selectman Huebner: Yeah, I don't have the expertise to know what is needed and what's not so I can't review that but I would ask you to review it to make sure that everything that's on there is stuff that we really need. If you've already done that then that's okay.

Chris Gallant: Yeah, we... I've done it but I... we can go through and we can, um, loosen up some tight knots if you want and to make it a little more flexible.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Cindy.

Selectwoman McHugh: The, um, there was a couple other things in here too, Chris, the radio, um, is that something we can have done... have them do it or are we gonna have it done?

Chris Gallant: Are you talking about the communications radio?

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah.

Chris Gallant: Uh, yeah, so, um, we can have... we can ask, uh, 2A or EVO, the company we have now, to install it or, um, the Motorola will supply it and they can install it. I think for cheaper because they're already in... they're going to be already in the truck wiring it. Um, it just comes down to, um, whatever we want for preference to install it.

Selectwoman McHugh: Right. I'm just afraid of hidden costs if we... if we don't have that in here for them to...

Chris Gallant: Oh, to install, yeah. I think... was... uh, I don't have it in front of me because it's on my phone but the RFP, it had the, um, it had the cost of installation on there, did it not?

Selectwoman McHugh: I couldn't hear you.

Chris Gallant: Did it have the cost of installation for the radio? I think it was six hundred dollars, I think so.

Selectwoman McHugh: There's no cost. This has no cost on it.

Chris Gallant: Oh, because we were not putting the, uh, because we weren't putting the prices in there.

John Harrington: Chris, this is John, on page eighteen it does say technical radio installation... technical radio installation provided by dealer... radio installation provided by dealer at the dealers' facility.

Chris Gallant: Yep. So, that's a specialized wiring, um, diagram that they need to use or diagram and the hard wire. They have to use a specific wire to get those VHF radios to work correctly. Uh, every firetruck, every police car has that same wiring and that's what that means.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Sounds like you got it covered.

Selectwoman McHugh: The, um, storage cabinets, the defender lift up restocking door. Is that an extra or is that the way they come anyway?

Chris Gallant: So, that's the way they come. So, what happens is these doors slide open but if you push a button the whole front of the door opened up now.

Selectwoman McHugh: Right. Okay. I just wanted to make sure that was not something extra we had to pay for.

Chris Gallant: Yeah, not that's not extra that's just actually the construction, uh, they call that... it's not really an option anymore. They all come like that but about ten years ago they made that an option but now everybody makes that because that's what the new hot thing is. So, the whole face of the cabinet will open up so you can restock it at once versus opening each little cabinet.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay, is the, um, is this air or, what is it, air or...

Selectman Dill: Breaks?

Selectwoman McHugh: No, on the suspension. Is it air ride suspension or...?

Chris Gallant: Nope. It's a silicone-based suspension. Uh, they removed the airbags and they put a silicone system in for comfort, ride and durability with the salt cause in the, uh, in the east coast or the northeast I should say, they had a problem with the airbags rotting out. Especially in the ambulances cause they were never getting washed correctly and they were not lasting long enough. SO, they went to this liquid suspension. Plus, it's better for the, um, they make the boxes taller and taller so the... the... it changes the, um, center of gravity on them. So, they're not so swaying.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay. So, the cot mount was my other question.

Chris Gallant: Yep.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is that just a plate or is that the mount itself.

Chris Gallant: Yeah, so, um, so with the power cot loader you have to have the mount, um, no matter what. So, the mount is actually the plate that goes on the floor that the power loader mounts to and is we didn't have a power loader and we had a manual stretcher, we still need that same plate. So, we need that no matter what because that's like the foundation of how the cot gets put in no matter what we have.

Selectwoman McHugh: Right but I'm just saying that is...

Vice Chairman Pitman: It's in there.

Selectwoman McHugh: It's the plate. This is the system not just a plate?

Chris Gallant: Uh, there should be two different... there should be a mounting bracket in there and there should be the system.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay. What about a stretcher?

Chris Gallant: Uh, that should be in there also. That should be Striker... it should come up as Striker thirty-five hundred...

Selectwoman McHugh: Are we getting the EXP?

Chris Gallant: I'm sorry, what was that?

Selectwoman McHugh: Are we getting the EXP stretcher?

Chris Gallant: It's whatever the brand-new striker one is which is a power cot.

Selectwoman McHugh: So, it's gonna be a standard stretcher not...? The EXP is made for a larger...

Chris Gallant: Oh, no, it will not be EXP unless you... we didn't that but, uh, yeah, we're not... I'm sorry, it will not be the EXP.

Selectwoman McHugh: Is that something we could look into?

Chris Gallant: We can, yep.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay. Um, cameras. Is that just the two back-up cameras?

Chris Gallant: So, inside your cab of your vehicle, uh, in the, uh, so the exterior you'll have a camera for facing backwards and then inside the box of where you work, you'll have a camera in there that will, um, go to the front of the truck so if something happens or whatever, like, say you have a call that goes bad your driver can see if it goes bad so he can pull over and help you. So, it's... there's two cameras in there. Those are standard issues.

Selectwoman McHugh: But there's no right curb camera? I was told that should be very helpful.

Chris Gallant: There might be. It depends on the make of the truck that we get. Um, if not, we'll have to outsource it cause some of the vehicles now come standard with them. So, I don't think Dodge has them but I believe Ford has them now. But yes, uh, right turn... they used to... I know firetrucks are now doing it. If you turn your right blinker on your light camera comes on. You're right, not light, camera or the left. But that's stuff we can look into.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay. And this is the diesel?

Chris Gallant: Uh, nope. It should be a gas.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay. You might want to talk to them about the diesel thing too because I heard some other things that gas is better.

Chris Gallant: Yeah, we decided gas just do to the fact of the high maintenance cost of a diesel these days is, um, astronomical and including the gas mileage and or paying for the fuel.

Selectwoman McHugh: Okay.

Selectman Huebner: But this is gas, right?

Selectman Dill: Yeah, this is gas.

Selectwoman McHugh: This is gas.

Selectman Dill: We don't have to pay the upcharge for diesel. We don't have to pay for the emissions.

Selectwoman McHugh: Yeah, but the gas that you use, especially in our town with the hills and so...

Selectman Dill: You get worse...



Selectwoman McHugh: ...saying diesel will be better.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Well, we got it down to that. We've done well.

Selectman Dill: Yeah.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Good job, Cindy. Chris, anything else?

Selectman Dill: Chris, do you have a difference in the cost between gas and the diesel?

Chris Gallant: I believe it was six to eight thousand dollars.

Selectman Dill: Oh, I would have thought it was a lot more.

Chris Gallant: Uh, I believe that was just the upgrade. I'm sure if there's more that we'd need.

Selectman Dill: Okay.

Chris Gallant: I can double check on that and get back to you about it.

Selectwoman McHugh: I was also told Chris, that those, uh, of course all the ambulances I drive, um, those diesel ones will clean out themselves even at an idol.

Chris Gallant: They're supposed to but we currently still have problems with them, uh, on the road. You kinda need a long transport, which we would have a long enough transport. I believe we would, um, but the only issue is if the DPS filter or whatever goes it's a minimum of a thousand dollars to fix and I know that certain manufacturers will warranty or give you a donor ambulance but I'm sure like the warranty on the whole Ford side versus the body maker or the ambulance maker what they do for the emission stuff to give you a donor.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Any other questions for Chris from the board?

Selectwoman McHugh: Thank you.

Selectman Dill: So, we're still at least a week out on this RFP if... before we can approve it, I would assume.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Why?

Selectman Dill: Well, if we're gonna have to scrub or clean up the RFP I don't think it's something we could approve tonight.

Chris Gallant: So, what would you like from me? Want me to scrub it up a bit and do you want me to check into the cameras, EXP cot, and the diesel?

Vice Chairman Pitman: I don't think we want the diesel.

Selectman Dill: I don't think we do either.

Selectman Huebner: So, could we approve it on the condition that it's scrubbed or do we have to wait for another meeting?

Selectwoman McHugh: But Chris, things like, um, the PL and the medic minded, those are manufacturer specific.

Chris Gallant: So, medical mind is not but PL is. That shouldn't have bene on there. That was a misprint.

Selectwoman McHugh: What was that?

Chris Gallant: The PL was a misprint on my end. SO, that was not... that shouldn't have bene on there. But the medic mind, that is, um, just like that... that's a cabinet and that's where they put it.

Selectwoman McHugh: That's a PL trademark phrase, correct?

Chris Gallant: Uh, so the medic in mind is just the cabinet they put to the right side of the passenger body.

Selectman Huebner: Right, but couldn't you call that by a generic name rather than call it the PL cabinet because that means PL brand.

Chris Gallant: Yeah, we can... I can... we call it whatever we need to call it.

Selectman Huebner: And that's what we mean by scrubbing. Don't call out any trademarks.

Chris Gallant: Okay. I have no problem with that.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Can you have for us Chris, by next Monday?

Chris Gallant: I can. Yep. I can do that. I can have it ready for next Monday.

Vice Chairman Pitman: That'll be perfect.

Chris Gallant: Okay.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you for all you've done. Thank you, Cindy, for all you did.

Chris Gallant: Thank you. Thank you, guys, for everything. I appreciate it.

Selectman Dill: Thanks.

Selectman Huebner: Thanks Chris.

Vice Chairman Pitman: See ya, Chris.

Chris Gallant: Thanks now. I'll see you next Monday.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Unfinished business.

Selectman Dill: Do we need a motion for the ten nineteen, for a meeting on Wednesday?

John Harrington: You just need to say you'd like schedule a meeting for ten nineteen, Wednesday.

**Motion: Carries** Selectman Dill makes a motion to schedule a meeting for ten nineteen at three to discuss the road agent position at three.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion**

Vice Chairman Pitman: New business. I'm going to wait on the Southern New Hampshire Planning for Fred to be here. Other business. Citizens comments.

Selectman Dill: It's race here, Kathy.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Be gentleman Erroll.

Erroll Rhodes: It's hard sometimes. Erroll Rhodes, Church Street. Um, I guess from the conversation I'm hearing this evening that the board has decided not to think about the ambulance questions vis-à-vis actual infrastructure needs of the town, um, and weighing... using infrastructure money for infrastructure purposes as opposed to using this money for a non-infrastructure purpose particularly since the fire department now got three hundred thousand dollars sitting in a fund that they're not going to be using because they just got a grant from the... from FEMA but one thing that has come up in the various conversations I've had, um, and it's not directly ambulance related but it is coverage related and I don't if... if the what... I have no idea what the fire rescue department has done on this, um, but right now we contract with an ambulance service, which I gather is going to stay in place for a little while anyway if this ambulance idea goes forward um, but they're in Raymond and we've got a large town. Fifty-two square miles, a hundred and ten, you know, road miles in town. Um, has them ever been any consideration given to talking to Epsom or Northwood for coverage for the north half of the town? I don't... I don't know what, you know, I'm asking the question cause it's come up and I just don't know the answer.

Vice Chairman Pitman: We can get back to you.

Selectwoman McHugh: I can answer that.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Go ahead.

Selectwoman McHugh: The Epsom line... the Northwood line is automatic at certain parts of our road. Candia, uh, at Currier Road, that's automatic, um, so we do have places that...

Erroll Rhodes: So, somebody calling from forty-three north of Mr. Mikes would automatically go to...

Selectwoman McHugh: I believe, right now, it's Gulf Road out. Anybody, any callers, from Gulf Road out, Epsom has automatically started the end of Griffin Road.

Erroll Rhodes: I was actually thinking forty-three towards Northwood.

Selectwoman McHugh: Oh, on forty-three up. Mountain View?

Erroll Rhodes: Yeah, excuse me, sorry, Mountain View Road.

Selectwoman McHugh: No.

Erroll Rhodes: Yeah, but that's a big swath of town as well and Northwood doesn't get automatically called out.

Selectwoman McHugh: Not automatic, no. We can call them if need be.

Erroll Rhodes: Okay. But it's a... but anyways that was one of the questions that came. Didn't know whether the existing contract was exclusive...

Selectwoman McHugh: Bear Brook is Tri town.

Erroll Rhodes: Is that right?

Selectwoman McHugh: Is automatic. They usually beat us there.

Erroll Rhodes: I'm not getting into that. Thank you very much.

Vice Chairman Pitman: Thank you, Erroll. Any other citizens comments?

Selectman Dill: There's no race now.

**Motion: Carries** Selectman Dill makes a motion to adjourn at six forty-four.

**Second:** Selectwoman McHugh

**Discussion:**

**Vote: Yea 4, Nay 0, Abstained 0 – Motion**

**Next Meeting: October 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm**

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