

Fire Equipment Committee

Meeting Notes

May, 20, 2015

Note: Full taped minutes available on request

Attendees:

Committee Members: Andy Maffei, Don Hammond, Howard Hatch, Jeff Robbins, Steve Wheeler, Rich Clifford, Rich Morris, Rick Ladd

Haverhill Corner Fire Dept: Ed Ballam, Josh Hutchins

After introductions it was noted that all fire precincts were represented and all fire chiefs were present.

Rick Ladd distributed information about the purposes of the Committee (attachment)

Chief Rich Morris, Ed Ballam and Josh Hutchins presented an analysis of the request for a replacement fire truck for Haverhill Corner Fire Dept. (attachment)

Major points:

Replacement truck would provide more and better organized storage space for equipment, greater tank capacity (1500 gal.), more power.

The truck would complement the existing Town fleet.

A smaller attack vehicle, would be a great addition to fleet, but not as this replacement.

Rick asked for **inventory** of other two departments:

Woodsville

'87 FMC pumper rescue for accident response

'82 Ladder truck, 1500 pump, 300 gal. tank

'07 AM-LaFrance engine (8 man cab), 1500 pump, 1000 gal tank

North Haverhill

'90 Converted engine to reel truck to carry hose and supplies, 1250 pump, 300 gal. tank

'08 Crimson Engine 1500 pump, 1,000 gal tank. Compressed air foam system

'12 Freightliner tanker 3,000 gals, also carries forestry tools

Other discussion:

Value of existing truck – scrap \$2,500

Q. Why do cities and larger towns use older equipment? A. degree of risk of injury and law suits they are willing to accept.

Maintenance of fire trucks discussed.

Discussion of EPA regulations added cost, effect on performance.

Discussion of importance of proper warranties.

Importance of the actual weight of the vehicle.

All agreed that this was a good preliminary report.

HCFD will fine tune specs, put out an RFP for prices per Town Purchasing Policy.

Committee will review specs and proposals submitted in late August or Sept.

Decision prior to budget process.

Notes taken by Glenn English