

Ad hoc Fire Protection Vehicle Meeting

January 28th 2014

21 Hallowell Rd Central Fire Station

19:00

Present: Chief Ramage , Deputy Alexander, Skip Skehan, Craig Hitchings, FF Norman Bossie, FF Joe Mills and Rick Danforth,

Meeting Called to order @ 1903

Minutes:

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion and second all approved

2. Review Bids for tank replacement on current Tank 2

A. Only one bid was received from K&T in Island Falls. The committee feels the bid is too high and not worth putting that type or amount of money into that vehicle. Also the amount of water they can place on the vehicle was only 2500 gallons maximum so it was too little water to place on the apparatus.

A second bid from C&S was for a new apparatus. A cover letter explained that they were not interested in doing the scope of work on that specific vehicle because it can't handle the amount of water requested.

3. Chief Ramage reviewed and talked about the combined grant request for a tanker through Assistance to Firefighters Grant with Augusta Fire. Chief Ramage explained that Chief Audette approached him about the combined grant and they worked together to put in a grant request for a tanker for both communities. If awarded Chelsea will house, insure and operate the tanker. Our matching request would be 95% to 5%. The awards could start in the next month or so or could take several months to hear about.

4. Some discussion was made about the future and possibility of looking into funding a tanker if the grant request wasn't successful. Chief Ramage asked the committee to support an increase in the truck reserve anyway. The department and the town needs to seriously look at the future and plan out purchases and look into decreasing number of apparatus and making them more multipurpose and user friendly.

5. Adjournment @ 19:56