

*New Durham Board of Selectmen Meeting  
January 16, 2017*

**NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
New Durham Town Hall  
January 16, 2017, 3:00p.m.**

**Present**

Chair David Bickford  
Selectman David Swenson  
Selectman Gregory Anthes

**Also Present:**

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator  
Cathy Orlowicz, Resident  
Peter Varney, Fire Chief  
Kevin Ruel, Deputy Fire Chief  
Michael Varney, Fire Captain  
Neal Burns, Fire Lieutenant

**Call to Order**

Chair Bickford called the meeting to order at 3:06p.m.

**Old Business**

**Ambulance Replacement**

There was discussion about assuring the Board is the authorized agent to expend from this CRF and, if not whether this needs to be placed on the Town Warrant.

Fire Chief Varney stated they are having mechanical issues with the current ambulance again. An estimate was presented to the Board of Selectmen for repairs in the amount of \$4,044. Chief Varney noted the trade-in value is estimated at \$3,500. The sole bid received for the replacement ambulance was reviewed and discussed. The terms of payment, bond terms, and funding sources were discussed. It was agreed that the bond is only needed to cover the \$52,000 deposit for the chassis and not needed for the whole purchase price. Selectman Swenson stated he still hasn't seen the requested comparison of equipment and features from the current ambulance to those detailed for the purchase of a new one. Selectman Anthes stated that this vehicle is over the replacement schedule and repairs are continuing to a point that the ambulance is no longer dependable. We need to move forward to purchase a new ambulance for the safety of the residents of New Durham. There was further discussion of the bid specification for a Dodge chassis as opposed to being open to other makes. It was agreed to ask the company to come back with a price with the lower bond coverage and other suggested changes in hopes of being able to lower the quoted price.

**Chair Bickford made a motion to move forward with the potential purchase of a new ambulance under the Modular Ambulance Bid received from Sugarloaf Ambulance Rescue Vehicles of Wilton, Maine, and for the Fire Chief and Town**

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**Administrator to secure a draft contract for purchase, performance bond for the chassis only, removal of the due date late penalty, prepayment and assure use of a loaner ambulance at no additional cost. Said contract to be reviewed at the Board of Selectmen meeting of January 23, 2017. Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.**

**Tax Rate**

Town Administrator Kinmond distributed notes regarding why the Department of Revenue Administration recommended changes in the tax rate. There was discussion about the figures calculated by the DRA with regards to the road reconstruction project. There was also discussion of the revaluation contract and long term costs.

**Warrant Articles**

The draft warrant articles were reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to review the warrant articles further at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Selectman Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Motion failed for lack of second.**

Selectman Anthes asked about the interviews for the Building Inspector position and noted only two candidates were scheduled.

Chairman Bickford asked about the Wolfeboro TV issue. It was noted they have a five-year archive.

**Adjourn**

**Selectman Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary

**Final Approved 01-30-17**