

**Waterbury Select Board
Special Meeting
Thursday October 10, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Minutes**

Present: M. Frier, N. Fish, M. Bard, select board members; W. Shepeluk, staff;

M. Frier called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

M. Bard made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by N. Fish. The board voted to approve the agenda, 3-0.

There was no public present to comment

The board revisited their discussion held at their meeting of October 7th, concerning the need to replace two fire pump trucks. They agreed warning a special town meeting to seek authority to finance the purchase of two new fire pump trucks was prudent. In addition, the board agreed to ask the voters about purchasing a roadside mower at the same meeting. On a motion made by N. Fish that was seconded by M. Bard, the board voted 3-0 to call a special town meeting to be held Nov. 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym.

Next the board took up the issue of replacing fire pump truck E3, a truck with engine failure, the fate of which was discussed at length at the October 7th board meeting. W. Shepeluk related his conversation with the town's attorney and bond counsel, Paul Giuliani. Shepeluk reported that Mr. Giuliani said the select board was on "strong footing" to make the purchase of a replacement fire truck on its own motion, given that two trucks were in need of repair and that one could not be used at all and is considered out of service. He did advise the board consider and adopt a "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from Proceeds of Indebtedness" before making a decision to buy the truck on its own motion, however. The declaration would allow the select board to seek financing from a lender at a later date, without issue, even though the purchase was made before the select board received authorization to borrow from the voters. The manager presented the "Declaration of Official Intent" (attached herewith) to the select board. The board members reviewed the document. M. Bard made a motion to approve the Declaration of Official Intent..." and to present it to the Town Clerk for recording. N. Fish seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

The board then considered the necessity to purchase a new fire pump truck to replace truck E3, that has sustained damage to its engine that the board has determined is too costly to repair. N. Fish moved to purchase the truck recommended by the fire chief and the municipal manager for a sum not to exceed \$465,000. M. Bard seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous, 3-0.

W. Shepeluk distributed to the board a Table entitled "Town of Waterbury Debt Service-- Outstanding Debt", dated 10/10/19. He used the Table to show historical, current and future costs to the town for debt service and how new debt issued for the financing of up to 2 fire trucks

might impact the tax rate. Several questions were asked and answered. The board thanked the manager for the information.

The manager informed the board that information from health insurers pertaining to 2020 insurance rates for employees only arrived earlier in the day. As such, there was not enough time to present a recommendation for the 2020 health insurance benefit to employees. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting, scheduled for November 4th.

N. Fish moved to adjourn at 4:37 p.m. It was seconded by M. Bard and approved unanimously.

Approved on November 4, 2019