

**TOWN OF MACHIAS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2016**

A special meeting of the Machias Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Aubrey Carter. In attendance were Board members Aubrey Carter, Warren Gay, James Whalen, Leslie Haynes, and Josh Rolfe; Christina Therrien, Town Manager; Joey Dennison, Fire Chief Danny Bowker, Brian Ingalls, Ed Pellan, Nancy Manchester, Cony Upton, Bill Kitchen, and Bob Berta.

1. Fire Department-Discussion of Ladder Truck

The Fire Department has located a ladder truck that they would like to purchase. The truck is a 1979 Grummond and has a Detroit Diesel engine with an Allison Transmission. There is 18,000 miles on the vehicle and the 85 foot LTI Tower was added in 2001. The truck was previously owned by Dover Foxcroft Fire and Rescue. It is currently located in Island Falls at K & T and is in great shape with no rust. The asking price is \$25,000.00 but they will sell the vehicle to another municipality for \$15,000.00. They really would like to help our town out but they need an answer by this Friday as they have another interested party.

A few of the firefighters went with the Chief to Island Falls to inspect the truck. The vehicle is in good shape with no rust. It has a generator and is piped for water but doesn't have any tanks on the vehicle. The Fire Chief explained that no town in this area has a ladder truck. The closest one is in Calais.

One of the biggest problems is that a lot of people are putting metal roofs on their homes. The firemen cannot get onto the roof to vent the fires. The ladder truck would allow them to not only vent the roofs but to fight the fires from above. This will be much safer for the firefighters and have a greater success rate with the total loss fires.

The volunteers are willing to pay the \$15,000.00 from their firemen account over a two year period. They are looking to the Board for support in the purchase and the expansion of the current Fire Station to house the truck. The ladder truck is 2 feet longer than the existing station. The Fire Chief has already been speaking with several places around Town for the temporary housing of the truck. It doesn't look like Hanscom's Construction will work but maybe it can be stored at Whitney's. There will also be a \$500.00 annual inspection fee on the truck.

The chairman asked how the budget committee members felt about the purchase. All the members indicated they were in support of the proposal.

On a motion by Warren Gay, seconded by Jim Whalen, the Board voted to approve the purchase of the truck and to support the Public Safety Building Expansion. **All in Favor**

Adjourn

Motion by Jim Whalen, second by Warren Gay to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. **All in Favor**