

Emergency Management Study Group

Minutes for the August 27, 2015 meeting

Members in attendance:

Anne Cartwright
Carol Reller
Ed Reller
Priscilla Sawa
Matt Saxton
Bobbie Wilson

Also present:

Kim Kercewich
George Moore
Matt Goodell
Chris Rietmann

Topics discussed:

- **Police Chief Hiring status** — Next Thursday, September 3, the search committee will interview three candidates, with the help of a rep from Troop C. The committee will also discuss contingency plans, in the event that none of the candidates is right for Alstead.
- **Village Station door repairs** — Carol met with Annette Dey, the structural engineer. We have enough info from her to get estimates from a welder, a mason, an electrician and so forth. We agreed that we need to find a contractor who can solicit bids for the project.
- **Research on new equipment** — Kim picked up some specs for a rescue pumper from Valley Fire as well as budget prices for the following:
 - Walk around rescue truck on two-door, international chassis: \$254,319.
 - New pumper on Spartan custom chassis: \$420,990.
 - New rescue pumper (combo) on Spartan custom chassis: \$454,583.Prices will vary depending on equipment, such as ladders, cascade and additional storage space, maybe another \$8 - 12K for the engine, \$10 - 15K for the combo. We would also need to buy more equipment for the rescue truck.
The combo is going to be heavier and longer because of all the equipment that needs to be loaded, but we can specify the maximum length.

Motions:

- The meeting minutes of August 13 were approved.

Action items:

- Carol will try to find a commercial contractor to solicit bids for the Alstead Station door.
- Kim will create a list of pros and cons for the combo.
- Kim will write the baseline specs —a list of basic equipment and maximum dimensions.
- George and Carol will attend the FEMA grant-writing class at the Keene Firehouse on September 17 at 6:00 pm.

Next meetings:

September 10 at 7:00 pm at Vilas Pool.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Discuss options for the Village Station door.
- Discuss the baseline specs and the list of pros and cons.
- Discuss our strategy for getting consensus in the town on replacing the old equipment.
- Discuss contingency plans for the Police Chief hire.