

Emergency Selectboard Meeting of September 2, 2015  
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Selectboard: Trini Brassard, Ross Evans, Larry Richburg, Marjorie Ryerson and Tom Schersten  
Municipal Staff: Melvin Adams (Town Manager), Cindy Spaulding (Recorder), RVFD: Jay Collette, Michael Marshall and Michael Hildenbrand, Michael DeCubellis (Finance Director), Highway: Bill Morgan and Robert Runnals.

Public Attendees: Chris Herrick (Director of Division of Emergency Management Homeland Security), John and Barbara Baumann (FireTec)

Media: Nora Doyle-Burr (Valley News)

1. Call to order

Mr. Richburg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Update assessment of Fire Scene

Mr. Adams provided an overview of the purpose of the emergency meeting was to provide an update of the Randolph Village Fire Station's fire on September 1, 2015 and the next steps get department back in-service. Highlights included: facility and equipment loss and needs as well as overwhelming offers from the Fire Community (Maine to Rhode Island) on donations.

a. Fire Station

Chief Collette provided an overview of the last two days:

- Meetings with Insurance adjusters for the building and vehicles
- Building structure has shifted and metal twisted on the left side of the station where Engine 2 was housed
- Building safe to enter, but will need to be gutted if to be used in the near future
- Utilities have been turned off or removed
- Concerns the contents were not covered by insurance such as 40 years of historic memorable belonging to the Association. Contents not covered by insurance: furniture, stove, refrigerator, cabinets, desks, chairs, all historical fire association documents and memorabilia.

b. Equipment Loss

Chief Collette provided an overview of the equipment assessment but not limited to are as follows:

- All turnout gear from Station is at Global to be washed and inspected
- Loaner Turnout gear has been provided and all RVFD personnel have been outfitted except awaiting helmets.
- Fire Apparatus: 2012 KME (Engine 2), 1991 GMC (Rescue) and 1974 Maxim (Tanker) are not salvageable. They are insured by VLCT at average market value based upon the age of the vehicles.
- Scott Airpacks,
- Cascade System
- Commercial Washing Machine
- Flashlights
- Communication Systems (radios portable, mobile and base set, repeater, etc)
- Computers

c. Equipment Needs

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Discussion ensued concerning the equipment needs and the price to replace these are items are very high. Examples but not limited items prices are worst case scenario:

Air packs and replacement of bottles	\$100,000
Cascade System	\$ 10,000
Turnout gear for 1 member	\$ 2,000
Flashlight 6 bank unit	\$ 1,000
One portable Radio	\$ 800
Thermo Imager	\$ 10,000
Fire Apparatus	Undetermined

d. Station Location

RVFD Engine 1 and usable auxiliary equipment is temporarily housed at the Village Highway Garage on Hedding Drive. The facility has a break room and communications capability. The engine has the capability of taking up to six personnel and limited on storage space for necessary firefighting auxiliary equipment.

The fire station is currently valued at \$800,000 but insured for full replacement if rebuilt on the same site and the same footprint. Due to the current location of the station it would be viable to relocate it to another part of town possibly on the south side of town or in another location. is insured at full placement value of up to \$800,000. If built on a different site, the cost over the value would be financed by the voters of Randolph.

Discussion ensued concerning the current location, proposed locations and plans for temporary and permanent location for the Fire Station with the possible concept of including the Police Department in the plans, funding possibilities through grants, Capital plan, Emergency Program fund in the amount of \$200,000.

Locations considered for long term but not limited to: Carroll Concrete, site on Meadow Lane, off of Route 66.

Creation of two sub-committees with membership between 5-7.

Temporary site Committee: Mel Adams, Michael Marshall and Larry Richburg

New location with Fire and Police combined: Bill Morgan, Larry Richburg, Marjorie Ryerson, Michael Hildenbrand and Jim Krakowiecki

Barbara Bauman from Fire Tech offered to look into apparatus on the current market, she will email Chief Collette.

e. Mutual Aid Randolph Center/East Randolph

RVFD Chief Collette reported that due to the current status of not having helmets for RVFD personnel, Randolph Center Fire Department will be the primary responding agency for Randolph Village's area. RVFD Engine 1 and personnel will also be responding to the calls. RVFD Engine 1 will be responding to all RCFD calls until RCFD's Engine is back from the repair shop.

f. Support

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Mr. Adams reported that the town and Chief Collette has received an overwhelming out reach of offers for equipment, donations of equipment, needs and donations of money, financing offer from Lake Sunapee Bank at zero percent interest rate.

DEMHS Director Chris Herrick introduced himself and offered to email around the immediate need of a Tanker and look into possible grants.

Wally Caswell of Frogg1009 would like to conduct a boot job at the gazebo on Friday, September 4 between the hours of 3:00-6:00 p.m. with all donations to go to the RVFD, they will also be conducting a donation drop during the Jo Dee Mecina concert. It was the consensus of the board to allow the boot drop to take place at the gazebo.

3. Schedule Special Selectboard Meeting

Mr. Adams reported that the town just received notification of a change in the Vermont Tax Department and PILOT money. The deadline for this is September 15.

On motion by Mrs. Brassard, seconded by Ms. Ryerson, the board voted to schedule a Special Selectboard meeting for Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 a.m. in Town Hall Conference Room A to approve the Tax Department/POILOT grants. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Adjournment

On motion by Ms. Ryerson, seconded by Mr Schersten, the Board voted to adjourn until its next scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. in Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding  
Recorder