

# MINUTES *approved minutes*

**Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee Meeting:** January 24, 2018

**Present:** Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Brenda Melius, Conan Cook, Judy Aron, Sue Metsack, Linda Christie, Bruce Bascom, Maureen Thibodeau, Gary Baber, Steve Morris, Art Kline, Ken and Alva Grant, Jay Phinzy, Rudy Klein, John Noll, Chris Sammon, Jennifer Bland, Rob DeValk, Deputy Fire Marshall Max Schultz, Fire Inspector Thomas Humphrey

**Open meeting:** 7:00PM, FE opened and gave the floor to Steve Morris who requested the meeting.

SM said AVFR has temporary Fire Marshall (FM) certification. The Company has until January 31 to provide FM with an action plan to complete certification requirements including fire truck upgrades, equipment and crew testing and training and fire call record keeping. It is unknown at this time what costs or how much time could be needed to meet certification requirements.

Discussion and questions from many who were present followed. The FM indicated that some equipment may need to be removed from service during upgrades and that AVFR could arrange backup by towns within Mutual Aid for down equipment. It was noted that AVFR is the last independent company serving a municipality in NH and that consideration of AVFR becoming a Town department would require research, planning and possibly a Town Meeting vote.

AVFR will meet January 28 to formulate its action plan; FE and JJ will attend.

**FE adjourned this portion of the meeting and Susan Metsack opened the Budget Committee meeting:**

**Minutes:** Motion JA/FE to approve, passed.

There was discussion about the AVFR presentation and interest in waiting for their action plan. RD questioned whether AVFR certification lapses constituted breach of contract with the Town.

Next meeting to include AVFR follow up and follow up with Ed Babneau on truck prices. FE noted the request for highway maintenance details may not be possible as conditions on the ground often determine the work. There were questions about shimming Charlestown Road when lack of adequate shoulders present safety issues.

**Meeting adjourned:** Motion LC/JA, passed, 8:55PM. Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt