



MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016 6th FLOOR HEARING ROOM

Present: Selectman Neil Wishinsky, Selectman Nancy Daly,
Selectman Benjamin J. Franco, Selectman Nancy S.
Heller, Selectman Bernard W. Greene

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Selectmen to announce recent and/or upcoming Events of Community Interest.

December 7th, there will be a morning flag raising ceremony acknowledging Pearl Harbor Day with some WWII veterans in attendance for the 75th anniversary.

First Light was another successful event.

The 22nd annual Brookline Town Hall Toy Drive has started. Unwrapped gifts are being accepted in designated boxes in various locations around Town Hall through December 19th.

The Audit Committee received a clean audit.

9th School Committee at Baldwin will be meeting next Monday with the neighborhood.

Selectman Greene attended a wellness summit meeting at the high school which was run by peer leaders. The discussion was on various issues associated with marijuana due to recent changes in the law.

The aggregation program is moving slowly, the State has not responded yet. The group is continuing to gather information and explore details.

With the winter season upon us, residents are able to sign up for emergency notifications; see the town's website for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment period for citizens who requested to speak to the Board regarding Town issues not on the Calendar.

Up to fifteen minutes for public comment on matters not appearing on this Calendar shall be scheduled each meeting. Persons wishing to speak may sign up in advance beginning on the Friday preceding the meeting or may sign up in person at the meeting. Speakers will be taken up in the order they sign up. Advance registration is available by calling the Selectmen's office at 617-730-2211 or by e-mail at SORsini@brooklinema.gov. The full Policy on Public Comment is available at <http://www.brooklinema.gov/376/Meeting-Policies>

MISCELLANEOUS

Approval of miscellaneous items, licenses, vouchers, and contracts.

Question of approving the minutes of November 29, 2016.

On motion it was,

Voted to approve the minutes of November 29, 2016 as amended.

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller, Bernard Greene

GRANT

Question of accepting a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau for traffic enforcement and public information initiatives.

Assistant Town Administrator Austin Faison stated that this grant is related to the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, and will be used for traffic enforcements and public information initiatives.

On motion it was,

Voted to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau for traffic enforcement and public information initiatives.

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller, Bernard Greene

HEBREW SENIOR LIFE/HOUSING

Question of approving the continuation of the Town's subordinate lien priority on Hebrew Senior Life's 1550 Beacon Street property under new financing from MassHousing and HUD.

Senior Housing Planner Virginia Bullock stated that the Housing Advisory Board has

reviewed this transaction. Hebrew Senior Life (HSL) is in the process of recapitalizing and refinancing projects. 1550 Beacon Street is among those projects. In 2002 the Town assisted HSL in purchasing the property and placed a deed restriction. The Town's subordinate lien will resume under the refinancing. The Town is asking for a third of the money back, and leaving the deed restriction until 2051. The payment will be placed into the Town's Housing Trust Fund.

The Board asked if it would be possible to ask HSL to review energy efficient updates while making capital improvements to the property. This may provide more affordable options for the residents.

On motion it was,

Voted to authorize a partial repayment equal to one third (\$83,333.00) of the Town of Brookline's original loan (\$250,000.00), for the acquisition and financing of 1550 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA, to HCRA Brookline Housing 1550 Beacon Plaza, Inc., subject to the votes below.

Voted to extend the term of the Town of Brookline's existing Mortgage, Promissory Note, and Affordable Housing Restriction (all dated October 17, 2002) to December 31, 2051 to match the maturity date on the new first loan.

Voted to maintain the Town of Brookline's subordinate lien priority as set forth in the Agreement as to Subordinate Loans dated October 17, 2002, subject to the terms of the new first mortgage loan and existing loan from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund Board.

Voted to authorize the Chair to execute the HUD Subordination Agreement, HUD Amendment to Restrictive Covenants, Allonge to Promissory Note and Loan Modification Agreement by the Town of Brookline in accordance with the terms of this vote.

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller, Bernard Greene

CALENDAR

TAX CLASSIFICATION**item taken out of order*

Question of adopting the percentages of the local Tax Levy to be borne by each class of real property and personal property for the 2017 Fiscal Year.

- a. Question of setting the Residential Exemption percentage for Fiscal Year 2017.

Chairman Wishinsky noted that Chief Assessor Gary McCabe gave a presentation last week. He explained the residential exemption process offered to homeowners residing in their property; he offered to continue that practice noting that this year legislation passed to

allow an even greater residential exemption. The initial analysis shows condo owners would get a 36% tax cut at the higher allowable rate, and median single family homeowner would pay more due to this shift. At this time he does not recommend that the Town go to the higher allowable exemption rate.

Selectman Franco noted that new growth is currently at 1.4% and recognized the efforts of engaging with new development in recent projects.

Selectman Greene pointed out that the selected tax rates are lower than in FY2016, which was also lower than in FY2015.

Chairman Wishinsky offered a tax rate recommendation of 1.72.

On motion it was,

Moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to adopt a residential factor of 0.919132, which represents a CIP factor of 1.720 and the following corresponding tax rates;

Residential \$9.88
Commercial \$16.20

Noted that the Excess Levy Capacity will = \$19,695

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller, Bernard Greene

On motion it was,

Moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a residential exemption, as defined in G.L. Chapter 59, section 5C, in the amount of TWENTY PERCENT (20%) of the average assessed value of all Class One, residential parcels within the Town of Brookline, provided, however, that such an exemption shall be applied by the Assessors only to the principal residence of a taxpayer.

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller, Bernard Greene

DISCUSSION OF CHAPTER 40B COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Discussion among the Board of Selectmen on strategies to address the influx of Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit Applications and their cumulative impact.

Chairman Wishinsky began by explaining the 40b process which is a laudable goal in creating affordable housing. The law requires developers to pledge 20% or 25 % of the housing units as affordable; in exchange it also allows the developer to pretty much defeat our local zoning laws. Projects could be scaled back or defeated by the local municipality,

but experience has shown that is not a reasonable strategy.

Recently the Town has been engaging with Hancock Village and came to a much better solution that will come before Town Meeting with the question of which project is better this current one or the proposed 40b.

Current circumstances, the cost of housing, a strong housing market, restricted zoning and the fact that Brookline is fast approaching the 10% safe harbor, where the Town can say no to a 40b application if deemed unsuitable for the community, have resulted in an influx of 40b applications. Chairman Wishinsky reviewed the current queue of 40b applications which is unprecedented and noted the influx has caused a strain on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning staff. This has prompted the Board to write a letter to the appropriate State agencies requesting a temporary moratorium for relief.

Planning Director Alison Steinfeld added that this letter would request a 6 month moratorium to give us some breathing room. All the meeting dates are booked up; there are no slots available. This community is facing an increase of one thousands units throughout the Town, with the majority in the Coolidge Corner, North Brookline area.

Selectman Daly added that the Town has demonstrated its support for affordable housing over the years, and during the 40b process, a municipality cannot refer to school overcrowding as a deterrent, even though it comes at a significant cost to the Town to expand our schools to accommodate overcrowding. Some projects before us are outrageous with no green space or garages and add considerable changes to the streetscape. Our commercial areas are being undermined by these projects, and it is unfair to the neighborhoods in Coolidge Corner and North Brookline. She added that a State-wide ballot defeated changes to the 40b law in recent years.

The Board noted the collected impact on the Coolidge Corner area, the loss of historic buildings, and the overbuilt proposed developments. The Board also noted that affordable housing remains a priority, and the Town has a proven record of this support, but hopefully with projects that do not shift the character of the neighborhoods, and result in a negative impact to the residents.

Representative Frank Smizik added that this is a very difficult situation; we have a lot of people in need of housing and we don't have it. We don't want to ruin businesses or other people's homes, but we need to find a way for people to live fairly in the community, especially when we are seeing rising costs of everything, notably housing. Single family homes are being developed into multiple units that are very expensive. Let's not give up on affordable housing and get to the 10% affordable housing stock. He offered assistance where possible.

Michael Jacobs of the Brookline Housing Authority referred to the Mullin Rule under M.G.L. which may provide relief for the ZBA members, allowing a member to miss a hearing and still participate after reviewing the hearing.

Chairman Wishinsky added that this had been reviewed, and requires Town Meeting approval for adoption.

The Board noted that developers are offering the minimal amount required of affordable housing with the remaining units offered at luxury rates, indicating that their goal is really not affordable housing.

Selectman Greene stated that one development is proposing \$8-9k monthly rents. This will cause an increase in surrounding housing rates and have a greater segregated effect on the community.

The Board will craft a letter to the appropriate agencies requesting a temporary moratorium for relief, and include the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

On motion it was,

Voted that the Board sign the letter for urgent request for temporary relief from project eligibility determinations, as amended.

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller, Bernard Greene

455 HARVARD STREET – 40B ELIGIBILITY

Further discussion and approval of the Board of Selectmen's response to MassHousing's request for comments relative to the application for a Project Eligibility Letter to apply for a Comprehensive Permit at 455 Harvard Street.

Chairman Wishinsky noted that there was a public hearing last week and the Board incorporated the comments/concerns into the letter to MassHousing related to the application for Site Approval submitted by Harvard Danesh, 455 Harvard Street under GL Chapter 40b.

The Board directed the Planning Director to incorporate language related to the proposed parking system and noise associated with it and additional language enforcing the Board's concerns related to setbacks and the impact on the abutting property.

On motion it was,

Voted to authorize the Chair to sign on the Board's behalf a letter in response to MassHousing's request for comments relative to the application for a Project Eligibility Letter to apply for a Comprehensive Permit at 455 Harvard Street.

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller, Bernard Greene

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST **item taken out of order.*

Question of discussing the condition of existing fire apparatus and the need to acquire a replacement Fire Ladder Truck.

Town Administrator Mel Kleckner said that the initial request from the Fire Department was for a reserve fund transfer for a used fire ladder truck. It was determined to look at all the available options before making a definitive decision to acquire fire apparatus.

Chief Ward was present with Chief of Operations Keith Flaherty, Chief mechanic Charlie Driver, Public Safety Manager Anthony Ansaldi and Union President Paul Trahon.

Anthony Ansaldi made the following PowerPoint presentation:

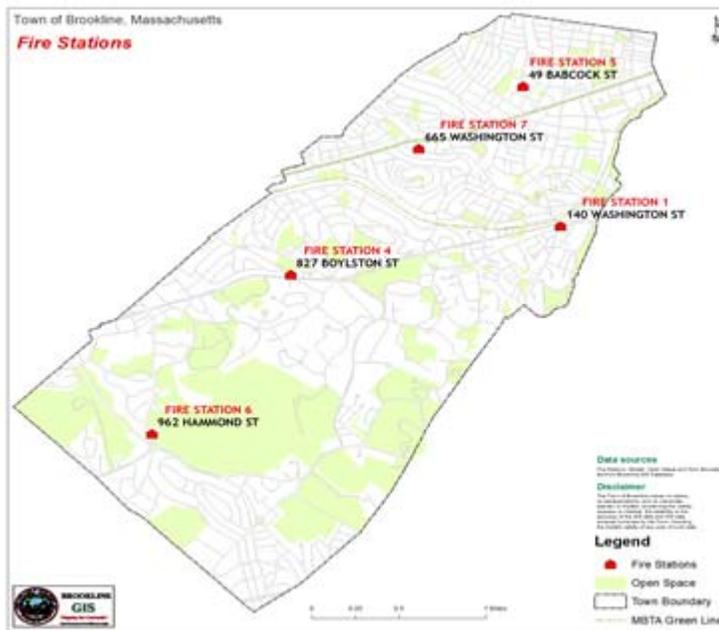


Brookline Fire Department

*Reserve Fund Transfer Request of
\$870,724 for Pierce Arrow XT 107'
Aerial Ladder*

Fire Department Vehicle Inventory (as of 12/5/16)

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	MANUFACTURER	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Est. Replacement Cost
B-1	F4848	2006	EDN E	4EN0AAR81610002885	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$375,000.00	\$580,000.00
B-5	F2167	2015	KME	1K9AF426XFN288830	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$520,000.00	\$620,000.00
B-6	F9975	2016	KME	1K9AF43880N088227	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$565,957.00	\$620,000.00
B-8	F822	2002	SUTPHEN	139A18L0724003085	1500 GPM	750 GAL TANK	\$279,265.00	\$580,000.00
B-11	F4925	1992	PIERCE (LANCE)	4P1CT0207NA000400	1250 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$215,000.00	\$580,000.00
B-14	F8441	2004	SUTPHEN	139A18L0144003085	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$375,000.00	\$580,000.00
B-15	F7111	2004	SUTPHEN	139A18L0844003085	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$375,000.00	\$580,000.00
Q-4	MPS0M	2010	PIERCE (QUINT)	4P1CA01HD4A010710	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$989,734.00	\$1,090,000.00
L-1	F7175	1995	PIERCE (ARROW)	4P1CA02SLA000879	105 FT	AERIAL LADDER	\$460,000.00	\$1,162,350.00
L-2	F7118	2016	KME	1K9AF6M80N088175	105 FT	AERIAL LADDER	\$900,000.00	\$1,040,000.00
L-12	F7100	1998	PIERCE (ARROW)	4P1CA02S4WA000885	105 FT	AERIAL LADDER	\$450,000.00	\$1,162,350.00
R-1	F18N	2012	INTERNATIONAL	1HTMKAA815C420855	400 385 EES	RESCUE BODY	\$180,000.00	\$188,000.00
Total:							\$5,626,916.00	\$6,762,700.00



Apparatus Assignments Station 1 – 140 Washington St.

STATION 1
 Assignments

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MANUFACTURER	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-1	#4848	2006	2016	2023	BOHE	4EN0AAR4161000265	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$375,000	\$580,000
L-2	#7118	2016	2023	2026	KME	1K9AP6M80N958176	109FT	AERIAL LADDER*	\$900,000	\$1,040,000
R-1	#16N	2012	2024		INTERNATIONAL	1HTMKAAANS3432065	400 SEM ES	RESCUE BODY	\$150,000	\$168,000

STATION 1
 Assignments as of 12/5/16

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-1	#4923	1992	N/A		PIERCE (LANCE)	4P1CT02D7N4000400	1250 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$215,000	\$580,000
L-2	#7118	2016	2023	2026	KME	1K9AP6M80N958176	109FT	AERIAL LADDER*	\$900,000	\$1,040,000
R-1	#16N	2012	2024		INTERNATIONAL	1HTMKAAANS3432065	400 SEM ES	RESCUE BODY	\$150,000	\$168,000

Notes

- E-1 – Engine is being refurbished at Greenwood Motors with an estimated return date around the end of December 2016 or early January 2017.
- L-2 - Needs to go back to the dealer for warranty repairs but unable to schedule due to no spare ladder available.
- R-1 - front line apparatus but it is unmanned and if requested responds as a "double company" with Ladder 2

Apparatus Assignments Station 4 – 827 Boylston St.

STATION 4
 Assignments

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
Q-4	M#20M	2010	2022	2020	PIERCE (QUINT)	4P1CA01H0A010710	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$989,730	\$1,090,000

STATION 4
 Assignments as of 12/5/16

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-15	#7111	2004	Partial		SUTPHEN	138A15L0844005063	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$375,000	\$580,000

Notes

- Q-4 – Was assigned to station 5 to replace L-1 but needed mechanical repairs. This was dropped off at New England Detroit Diesel on 12/5/16 and it is unknown when it will return to Town.

Apparatus Assignments Station 5 – 49 Babcock St.

**STATION 5
 Assignments**

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-5	P9973	2016	2026	2035	KME	1K9AFA3660N056227	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$565,957	\$580,000
L-1	P7175	1995	2007	2017	PIERCE (ARROW)	4P1CA02L34000879	105 FT	AERIAL LADDER	\$480,000	\$1,040,000

**STATION 5
 Assignments as of 12/5/16**

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-5	P9973	2016	2026	2035	KME	1K9AFA3660N056227	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$565,957	\$580,000
Newton Quint		1996			SONE					

Notes

- L-1 – Out of Service. Extensive repairs would be needed which would be costly and requiring extensive time out of service to repair.
- E-5 - Currently has a pump recall. Unable to schedule repairs due to lack of spare pumps at this time.
- Newton Quint - Aerial is only 75' when we normally have 105' aerials. In addition, this piece burns oil, requiring constant monitoring to avoid seizing the motor.

Apparatus Assignments Station 6 – 962 Hammond St.

**STATION 6
 Assignments**

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-6	P522	2002	2018	2018	SUTPHEN	159A16L0724005058	1500 GPM	750 GAL TANK	\$279,265	\$580,000

**STATION 6
 Assignments as of 12/5/16**

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-6	P522	2002	2018	2018	SUTPHEN	159A16L0724005058	1500 GPM	750 GAL TANK	\$279,265	\$580,000

Notes

No Issues

Apparatus Assignments Station 7 – 665 Washington St.

STATION 7
 Assignments

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-5	P2167	2015	2025	2032	KME	1K9A7428XFN058830	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$520,000	\$580,000

STATION 7
 Assignments as of 12/5/16

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
E-5	P2167	2015	2025	2032	KME	1K9A7428XFN058830	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$520,000	\$580,000

Notes

No Issues

Aerials

Inventory

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
L-2	P711E	2016	2025	2036	KME	1K9A7428XFN058830	109 FT	AERIAL LADDER	\$900,000	\$1,040,000
L-1	P717S	1995	2007	2017	PIERCE (ARROW)	4F1CA02SLS4000579	105 FT	AERIAL LADDER	\$480,000	\$1,040,000
Q-4	MP30M	2010	2022	2030	PIERCE (QUINT)	4F1CA01H0A010710	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$989,734	\$1,090,000
L-12	P7100	1995	N/A		PIERCE (ARROW)	4F1CA02S4VW000683	105 FT	AERIAL LADDER	\$480,000	\$1,040,000

Notes

L-1 – Out of Service. Extensive repairs would be needed which would be costly and requiring extensive time out of service to repair.

L-12 - Out of Service. Determined to be unrepairable.

“New” L-1- Contract was executed approximately 2 weeks ago with an estimated build time of 12-14 months before it is available for training to be placed in service.

Q-4 – Was assigned to station 5 to replace L-1 but needed mechanical repairs. This was dropped off at New England Detroit Diesel on 12/5/16 and it is unknown when it will return to Town.

Available Inventory as of 12/5/16

UNIT #	PLATE	YEAR	REHAB YR	REPL YR	MFR.	VIN #	MODEL	DESCRIPTION	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost
L-2	P711E	2016	2025	2036	KME	1K9A7428XFN058830	109 FT	AERIAL LADDER	\$900,000	\$1,040,000
Q-4	MP30M	2010	2022	2030	PIERCE (QUINT)	4F1CA01H0A010710	1500 GPM	500 GAL TANK	\$989,734	\$1,090,000

Available Options

Option 1 – 1998 Seagrave 100' Aerial Ladder \$75,000 (New York)

- 23K Miles
- Detroit Series 60 Turbo Diesel 450 HP
- Allison Automatic Transmission
- 100' ladder with water way
- Height 11' Length 41'

Pro's

- Truck meets Brookline functional needs.
- Available immediately, already inspected by BFD Staff
- Reasonably priced

Con's

- Short term solution.
- Medium weight ladder.
- Not recommended for front line use for 12-14 months.
- Additional work required with length of repairs unknown.
- Subject to MGL 30B Purchasing Laws.

Available Options

Option 2 – 1990 Pierce Arrow 105' Aerial Ladder \$98,500 (Missouri)

- 24K Miles
- Detroit 8V92 475 HP Diesel
- Allison Automatic Transmission
- 105' ladder with water way
- Height 11' 3" Length 37' 7"

Pro's

- Truck meets Brookline functional needs.
- Heavy Duty Ladder.
- Available immediately
- Reasonably priced.

Con's

- Short term solution.
- Not recommended for front line use for 12-14 months.
- Subject to MGL 30B Purchasing Laws.

Available Options

Option 3 – 2016(?) Pierce Arrow XT 107' Ascendant Ladder \$865,724 (Wisconsin)

- 12K Miles
- Detroit DD13 500HP Diesel
- Allison Automatic Transmission
- 105' ladder with water way
- New Truck Warranty

Pro's

- Truck meets Brookline functional needs.
- Heavy Duty Ladder.
- Available immediately. Not subjected to bid as new trucks are covered under national purchasing consortium
- Reasonably priced for a new ladder.
- "New" truck at a discounted rate.

Con's

- Front line use for 12-14 months as currently planned based on availability of Ladder 1 then assigned as a spare.

Timeline

Option 1		Option 2		Option 3	
Date	Action	Date	Action	Date	Action
12/6/2016	Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Board and Selectmen Meeting (Approval)	12/6/2016	Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Board and Selectmen Meeting (Approval)	12/6/2016	Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Board and Selectmen Meeting (Approval)
12/13/2016	Public Hearing, Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Board and Advisory Board - Approval	12/13/2016	Public Hearing, Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Board and Advisory Board - Approval	12/13/2016	Public Hearing, Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Board and Advisory Board Approval
12/15/2016	Bid issued in accordance with MGL Ch 30B	12/15/2016	Bid issued in accordance with MGL Ch 30B	12/15/2016	Public Hearing, Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Board and Advisory Board Approval
12/29/2016	Bid Opening and award contract	12/29/2016	Bid Opening and award contract	12/15/2016	Public Hearing, Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Board and Advisory Board Approval
1/9/2017	Contract Approval - Selectmen	1/9/2017	Contract Approval - Selectmen	12/14-12/16/16	PO issued and Payment Processed
1/8/2017	Executed Contract signed by Vendor	1/8/2017	Executed Contract signed by Vendor	12/28/2016	Truck delivered to Brookline
1/9-1/13/17	PO issued and Payment Processed	1/9-1/13/17	PO issued and Payment Processed	1/5-1/6/17	Groups trained on new truck
1/20/2017	Truck delivered to Brookline	1/20/2017	Truck delivered to Brookline	1/7/2017	Truck placed in service
1/22-1/27/17	Repairs not covered with Purchase (Cable)	1/15-1/26/17	Groups trained on new truck		
1/30-2/1/17	Groups trained on new truck	1/27/2016	Truck placed in service		
Approx. 58 days		Approx. 52 Days		Approx. 32 Days	

Recommendation

The Fire Department's committee
recommendation is:

Option 3

2016 Pierce Arrow XT 107' Ascendant Ladder
\$865,724

With ancillary cost of \$5,000 (est.)

Total RFT Request \$870,724

Committee Members

- Acting Chief Robert Ward
- Acting Chief of Operations Chief Keith Flaherty
- Charlie Driver, Chief Mechanic
- Paul Trahon, President Brookline Fire Fighters Association Local #950 IAFF
- Anthony Ansaldi, Public Safety Business Manager

Chief Mechanic Charlie Driver updated the Board on the status of the aging fire apparatus, and the problems the vehicles are having with corrosion of the undercarriages due to the elements and road salt materials. He noted that this appears to be a state-wide issue. He also reviewed the efforts the department has made to find a replacement vehicle for both the

short-term and long-term and sought out the best value, and the quickest delivery.

Town Administrator Kleckner stated that there are funds in the Reserve Fund for emergency expenses. At this time, other options should be considered.

The Board discussed the options and felt that option 1 & 2 are short term options, and just a temporary fix.

Chairman Wishinsky asked about leasing as an option.

Town Administrator Kleckner replied that leasing is an option. This would allow a solution until requesting a budget item before Town Meeting. This would also allow time to review why the undercarriage of the vehicles is rotting out so quickly, and perhaps implement procedures to address it.

Chief Ward added that the DPW has a shed for washing vehicles and the Fire Department is discussing the possibility of sharing it with the DPW in efforts to control the damages to the undercarriages.

There was no vote on the item.

CABLE TELEVISION RENEWAL LICENSE TRANSFER

Question of approving the assignment of the Cable Television Renewal License from Yankee Cable Partners, LLC to Radiate Holdings, LP and to approve transfer of control of the License from Yankee Cable Partners, LLC to Radiate Holdings, LP.

Assistant Town Administrator Austin Faison reviewed that this transaction relates to one company retransferring to another, at which point Yankee Cable Partners will cease to exist; they are selling to a new company. The outstanding questions were provided as required. At this point approval is required to keep RCN cable service in the community.

Selectman Greene spoke about the redacted materials that were submitted and deprived the Board of information that we may need. These redactions appear to be unnecessary. He did pull up and review the filings with the FCC.

Mr. Faison responded that he did pass along that concern.

On motion it was,

Voted 4-0-1

That the Board of Selectmen hereby vote to approve the transfer of control of the current

RCN Cable Television Renewal License, dated March 4, 2008, held by RCN Telecom Services of Massachusetts, LLC, from Yankee Cable Partners, LLC to Radiate Holdings, LP.

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller
Abstain: Bernard Greene

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - INTERVIEWS AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS

The following candidates for appointment/reappointment to Boards and Commissions will appear for interview:

Building Commission

George Cole (Reappointment)

George Cole is applying for reappointment. He has been on the Building Commission for many years and would like to continue to work on the current and upcoming school facility projects while maintaining the Town's building infrastructure and maintenance of all municipal buildings.

Conservation Commission

Deborah Myers (Reappointment)

Deborah Myers is applying for reappointment. She continues to work on open space planning and a new master plan for Halls Pond Sanctuary implementing various planting strategies, discussing complete streets implementation and reviewing strategies related to the protection of trees.

Human Resources Board

Gerry Raphel (Reappointment)

Gerry Raphel is applying for reappointment. He has served nine years on this Board that assists the Human Resources Director. He participates in employee grievance sessions, and provides guidance to the HR Department. He also participates in reviewing job classifications and grading.

Park and Recreation Commission

Randolph Meiklejohn (Appointment)

Richard Nangle (Appointment)

Stewart Silvestri (Appointment)

John Bain (Reappointment)

Randolph Meiklejohn is a new applicant. He has served on the Conservation Commission and supports open space. He has been involved in Friends of Halls Pond, Brookline Youth Soccer and Friends of Brookline Rowing.

Richard Nangle is a new applicant. He lives near Dane Park, and the golf course, plus Larz Anderson is in his precinct. His family owned a large parcel of land many years ago and he values the importance of open space. He is interested in youth sports, conservation land and the acquisition of more parkland.

Stewart Silvestri is a new applicant. He has coached soccer, baseball, and is currently involved in a middle school transition baseball program. He has been following the Parks and Recreation agendas, and attended many of their meetings.

John Bain is applying for reappointment. He has been on this commission for over thirty years. He has recently worked on the Putterham Driving Range, and served on all the design review projects, including Walstein and Dean, Elliot and Brookline Ave playgrounds.

Preservation Commission
David King (Reappointment)

David King is applying for reappointment, and currently serves as Chair of the Preservation Commission. He has been working on preservation districts, most recently the Crowningshield District, and demolition delays. With two new staff members they are working on streamlining the application process to provide the Commission with the proper information prior to the applicant presenting before them. He added that today's trend is unfortunately demolition over restoration of property.

Tree Planting Committee
Liz Erdman (Reappointment) - postponed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – APPOINTMENTS

Building Commission

On motion it was,

Voted to reappoint George Cole to the Building Commission for a term ending August 31, 2019 or until a successor can be appointed.

Conservation Commission

On motion it was,

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Voted to reappoint Deborah Myers to the Conservation Commission for a term ending August 31, 2019 or until a successor can be appointed.

Human Resources Board

On motion it was,

Voted to reappoint Gerald Raphael to the Human Resources Board for a term ending August 31, 2019 or until a successor can be appointed.

Preservation Commission

On motion it was,

Voted to reappoint David King to the Preservation Commission for a term ending August 31, 2019 or until a successor can be appointed.

BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE 9th SCHOOL AT BALDWIN

Question of appointing John Doggett of the Advisory Committee to the Building Committee for the 9th School at Baldwin.

Selectman Daly noted that Advisory Committee member Michael Sandman has a conflict with family duties, so he is unable to sit on this committee. Advisory Committee member John Doggett will serve.

On motion it was,

Voted to appoint John Doggett of the Advisory Committee to the Building Committee for the 9th School at Baldwin.

Aye: Neil Wishinsky, Nancy Daly, Benjamin J. Franco, Nancy Heller, Bernard Greene

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

ATTEST