

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
5:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman
Julie M. Hannum
Rene C. Wood

Others Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator

Chairman Macy called the working meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Richard Boardman, Fire Chief, together with Deputy Chiefs John Ullrich, Robert Beham, and Pete Batacchi, were present for a discussion about the new fire truck. Administrator Kellogg noted his concerns that the proposed specifications did not require the commercial chassis and cab to be compliant with NFPA requirements. Chief Boardman explained that, since the apparatus was not being custom built, the chassis and cab would be provided by regular truck manufacturers such as International or Mack. Since the fire truck business was less than 1% of their overall business, these companies have not incurred the expense to obtain NFPA compliance. Chief Boardman also noted that prior NFPA guidelines did not specify that the entire vehicle needed to be compliant, and this change was recent. He did confirm that the apparatus body specifications do meet NFPA requirements. It was noted that to require the entire truck to be constructed on a custom basis would add up to \$250,000 to the cost. Administrator Kellogg said he had consulted with Special Town Counsel at Kopelman and Paige about the issue and was advised to conduct sufficient research to assure that the vehicle was designed to be safe. He further noted that he had talked with one major fire apparatus manufacturer who advised that their particular fire truck met the requirements of NFPA with a commercial chassis and cab even though it technically was not certified. Chief Boardman told the Board that the Fire Department has considered the issue and the Department is of the opinion that the specifications as written for a commercial chassis and cab meet the Town's needs and do not compromise their safety. They will write a memorandum to the Board, confirming this determination.

Selectman Wood moved to approve the fire truck specifications as written which do not require NFPA compliance for the truck chassis or cab, but which are recommended by the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Selectman Hannum and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the applications of the Sheffield Kiwanis and Sheffield Association for temporary sign permits for the Village Green for the Steak Roast and Sheffield Fair. It was noted that the Police Chief has approved both applications. Selectmen Hannum moved to grant temporary sign permits for the Sheffield Kiwanis and Sheffield Association. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Wood and carried unanimously.

There were brief discussions about the Camp/Davidson driveway issue, outdoor wood boilers on Boardman Street, and the Solid Waste Task Force.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph A. Kellogg
Town Administrator