

TOWN OF WILLINGTON

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BOARD OF FINANCE

Special Meeting
Hybrid — In Person and Online

September 28, 2023
7:00 PM

**Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting*

Members Present (a quorum of 4 members is required to conduct business):

Stephanie Summers Chair	Geoffrey Prusak Vice Chairman	Christina Mailhos	Joseph Sherrell	Peter Tanaka Secretary	James Marshall	Jim Gilligan (ALT)	Elisabeth Woolf (ALT)
Absent	In person	In person	In person	In person	In person	Zoom	In person

Also Present:

Erika Wiczenski, First Selectwoman
Alex Moore, Willington Fire Dept. No. 1, Chief

Vice Chair Geoffrey Prusak called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Jim Marshall moved to seat Lisa Woolf.
Christina Mailhos seconded the motion.
Motion passed (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Willington Fire Department #1 Request for Funds to Purchase and Install RV for EMT Accommodation

Chief Alex Moore stated that after the last BOF meeting, WFD #1 did a lot of research. They worked with Chief Snyder from WHFD and discussed the two options of using WHFD's station or their church. Both would require modifications to the building to be able to make either of them work. That would not be a quick solution. They did look at a construction trailer which was just over \$17,000 (to rent for 18 months) just to get it and then it would have to be outfitted. They would need to get an electric drop meter put on it and the building official stated that a construction trailer cannot be occupied for 24 hours a day as it is not considered residential. They did find a couple of four-season RVs under \$15,000 from dealers (vendors). They are four season RV's with the heat in their under bellies. They would like to purchase one of those, so they are looking to get approval from the BOF and then take that approval to the BOS to purchase one of the RV's. A question was asked about how their staff feels about staying in an RV. Chief

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Moore stated that they have had long discussions with their staff, and as long as they are not in the kitchen, they are fine in an RV. Chief Moore stated that they have talked to both the Fire Marshal and Building Official and they are both fine with the RV. They also talked to Zoning and the Building Official will have to come to Station 13 and sign off on the propane which will be hooked to the main line at the Station and the Health Department must sign off on the direct sewer line. Further discussion was had on the RV, where the staff sleeps now, etc. Christina Mailhos asked how that would affect them operationally, and Chief Moore stated that they already have a set of plans from COVID when they were split for over a year. He stated it makes it easier to have them split now with the second ambulance. Chief Moore stated that this will be a Town vehicle and when WFD #1 is done with it, the Town can sell it and recoup some of the money. First Selectwoman Wiczenski stated that she and Donna Latincsics discussed where the funds should come from, and Donna felt it would be best for the funds to go into the General Government Budget that way the RV would be owned by the Town and the money wouldn't go into WFD #1. She stated that Chief Moore preferred that the Town own the RV. Further discussion was had on this item.

Peter Tanaka moved to have an additional appropriation to the FY23-24 General Government Budget. The requested funds are for the Town to purchase and install an RV for EMT accommodation at Station 13 while the mold situation is being resolved, moving \$15,000 from the GF Fund Balance to line item 930 Capital Expenditures.

Seconded by Lisa Woolf.

Motion passed (6-0)

ADJOURNMENT:

Peter Tanaka moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Seconded by Joe Sherrell.

Motion passed (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Smith

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Recording Secretary

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