

# Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Commissioners' Meeting

Meeting Called By: Commissioners

Date, Time: 02/08/2022, 5:30 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Tilton Town Hall  
Downstairs Meeting Room  
257 Main Street  
Tilton NH

## Call to Order

Commissioner Pyra called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

## Attendance

Commissioners Paul Auger, Jon Cilley, Eric Pyra; Chief Michael Sitar, Deputy Tim Joubert and Administrative Manager Kathy Tobine

Public: Larry Dingee

## 21 Engine 2

Chief Sitar stated that the Commissioners invited Larry to the meeting tonight to discuss Engine 2. The only issue remaining is the on spots. Larry and Chief Sitar have been in talks with Sutphen to make sure that the problems are corrected on the New Engine 1.

Larry discussed how changes they made to correct the front end of the engine had adverse effects to the on spots but they are correcting it. Everything has been well documented and all changes have been documented in the build plans.

Commissioner Auger asked Larry how he became affiliated with Sutphen. Larry explained that he was approached to be a Sutphen dealer as the brand gained more popularity in the north east.

Commissioner Cilley expressed concern that there were shortcuts taken to make the engine fit the height requirements of the station. Larry talked about what was done to meet height requirements and how they fixed the problems with the low bumper. Extensive discussion ensued regarding truck specifications.

Commissioner Pyra asked if frost heaves would affect the cans. Larry commented it shouldn't affect them as they are up underneath. The part affected by the road is the arm.

## Correspondence

02.07.22 REI Service Corporation

- Alan Clark sent a letter withdrawing his proposal (date 2/1/22) to work on the Fire Station project. The Commissioners discussed his reasons for the decision.

Commissioner Cilley expressed concern that some of what Alan said in his letter was the same thing that they have heard from Chief Sitar. Chief Sitar replied that he did not give Alan any information but that he gathered it himself from meeting minutes and third-party reports. Commissioner Cilley asked Chief Sitar how Alan Clark heard about the project. Chief Sitar replied that was told by Alan that he had found out while doing research.

Commissioner Pyra commented that he didn't believe they ever set a cap on spending for a new station, how they can set a number on the project when they have no plans. Commissioner Cilley replied that they have had plans for \$4.5 million+ buildings that failed because the public doesn't want to pay that much so it has to be less than that. Discussion ensued regarding building costs.

Chief Sitar to research other companies similar to REI that they can contact.

## District Meeting

Chief Sitar reviewed his PowerPoint presentation for District Meeting with the Board.

## Public Comment

None

## Old Business

### Training Burn

Deputy Joubert discussed the details of the upcoming training burn.

## Nonpublic Session I

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 7:08 PM per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Paul Auger	Yes
	Jon Cilley	Yes
	Eric Pyra	Yes

Nonpublic session entered at 7:09 PM.

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote to exit nonpublic session:	Paul Auger	Yes
	Jon Cilley	Yes
	Eric Pyra	Yes

Motion passed.

Public session reconvened at 7:18 PM.

A motion was not made to seal the minutes.

## Nonpublic Session II

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 7:19 PM per RSA 91-A:3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Paul Auger	Yes
	Jon Cilley	Yes
	Eric Pyra	Yes

Nonpublic session entered at 7:20 PM.

Commissioner Cilley made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote to exit nonpublic session:	Paul Auger	Yes
	Jon Cilley	Yes
	Eric Pyra	Yes

Motion passed.

Public session reconvened at 7:30 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pyra and seconded by Commissioner Cilley because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render the proposed action ineffective.

Roll Call Vote to seal these minutes:	Paul Auger	Yes
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Jon Cilley      No  
Eric Pyra        Yes

Motion passed.

**Other Business**

Manifests were reviewed and signed.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 P.M. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Joslin*

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

March 1, 2022 at 5:30 PM.  
Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room,  
257 Main Street, Tilton NH