

AYER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT SELECTMEN FIRE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 2019

- The Capital Planning Committee approved two projects to move forward for the Fire Department in FY-20.
 1. Purchase of a new fire engine to replace Engine #2 a 2000 year Emergency One pumper at the cost of \$650,000. Below are some bullet points of why Engine #2 needs replacement.
 - Engine #2 has been the first out apparatus on any fire incident for the last 19 years responding of every emergency call.
 - Engine 2 was looked at by Greenwood Fire Apparatus as a candidate for refurbishment and due to age and condition was not recommended to be rehabbed. When Engine #4 was rehabbed it had only been the front line piece for 7 years and did not have the additional wear that Engine #2 has incurred.
 - Due to the age parts are becoming scares and take additional time to source.
 - Repairs are becoming more frequent and costly.
 - Both Engines were out of service for a period of weeks this summer necessitating the borrowing of a reserve Engine Pumper from the Town of Shirley.
 2. Replacement of the Extractor Washer at the Fire Station, and purchase of an additional gear drying rack. Dirty turnout gear has been recognized as a major contributing factor of cancer in the fire service. This new washer and dryer will afford the department the opportunity to wash more sets of gear at one time and the additional drying rack will get a faster turnaround on cleaning gear. After any fire where the members are in the products of combustion gear needs to be washed and the cleaning is required to be tracked along with the age and condition of the equipment each time.

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- In the month of January I have continued working with representatives from FEMA on a reimbursement for the severe winter storm of March 13 -15th 2018. This storm was declared a major disaster and as such the Town is eligible for a 75% reimbursement for snow plowing and emergency services during a 48 hour period. The amount of \$75,005.69 has been submitted as the number to be reimbursed of which 75% would be reimbursed to the Town.
- Ambulance calls January - 113
- Fire calls January - 61
- Ambulance receipts January - \$ 28,862.68
- Permit receipts January - \$1,045.00

Respectfully submitted;

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