



# FIRE COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Rm A  
Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/7360902790>

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**Present:** Chairman Fred Ingram, Rich Straiton, Doug Cuny and Tony Rubino. Also in attendance were Chief McCollam, Assistant Chief McAllister, Chief Engineer Daye Evanuska, and President Sue Evanuska.

Chairman, Fred Ingram called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

### **Consideration of approval of special meeting minutes January 18, 2024:**

Fred Ingram made a motion, which was seconded by Rich Straiton to approve the minutes of January 18, 2024 as amended from the original statement of “the \$13,000 in reductions” to “the \$1,300 in reductions”. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

### **Consideration of BFD FY budget presentation:**

Chief McCollam presented the BFD FY proposed budget. He mentioned the added costs in the budget. Discussion ensued.

#### Account 5306 Professional Services:

Rich Straiton made a motion, seconded by Tony Rubino, to fund the total of \$22,800 in Acct. 5306 Professional Services as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

#### Account 5301 Dues & Education:

Doug Cuny made a motion, seconded by Tony Rubino, to fund the total of \$26,000 in Acct. 5301 Dues & Education as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

#### Account 5208 Vehicle Maintenance:

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Tony Rubino, to fund the reduced amount of \$76,076 from \$73,076 in Acct. 5208 Vehicle Maintenance, with the reduction of \$2,000 from Various Repairs and an additional \$1,000 from Three Year Break Checks. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to amend the original motion to fund the account at \$73,076 to fund it at the amount of \$73,076.40 as written in the budget presentation. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Tony Rubino, to fund the reduced amount of \$16,300 from \$18,300 in Acct. 5207 Firehouse Maintenance, with the reduction of \$500 from Office Supplies and an additional \$1,500 from removing the line of Kitchen Cleaning as a whole. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Account 5202 Equipment & Supplies:

Fred Ingram recommended to Chief McCollam to reduce the requested amount of Face Masks from 20 units to 10 units. Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to reduce the amount of \$12,000 to \$5,500 from the line regarding the Replacement of Fire Hose in Acct. 5202 Equipment & Supplies. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to reduce the amount of \$1,500 to \$1,000 from the line regarding the Replacement of Blades and Chains for Saws in Acct. 5202 Equipment & Supplies. Vote, Fred: Yes, Tony: Yes, Doug: Yes, Rich: No. Motion passed.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Rich Straiton, to reduce the amount of \$8,980 to \$4,490 from the line regarding Scott AV 3000 high temp Face Masks. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to fund the reduced amount of \$78,966 from \$90,456 in Acct. 5202 Equipment & Supplies. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to fund the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department budget in the new amount of \$217,142.40 from the original amount of \$233,632.40. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

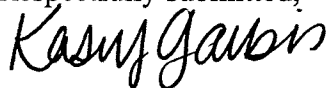
Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Tony Rubino, to take \$7,000 out of the Capital Budget to replace 10 tires on Truck 1. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Rich Straiton, to recommend a Capital expenditure coming out to \$7,000 for replacement of the Tower Trucks tires and to defer the Hurst and Paratec tools to a later date. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Consideration of proposed ex-officio member to represent BFD:**

Motion made by Fred Ingram, and seconded by Doug Cuny, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen for Chief McCollam to be appointed as the ex-officio member of the Fire Commission. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, which was seconded by Tony Rubino to adjourn the meeting at 9:36pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kasey Galbis

Recording Secretary