



To: Bethel Board of Selectmen and Bethel Board of Finance

From: Dr. Christine Carver, Superintendent of Schools & Ms. Jennifer Variale, Director of Finance and Operations

Date: January 30, 2024

RE: Bethel Middle School and Frank A. Berry School Fire Pumps Replacement & Repairs

The fire pumps that are an integral component of the sprinkler fire safety systems at Bethel Middle School and Frank A. Berry Elementary School are approaching the end of their lives. Upon inspection, Rieve Fire Protection has identified multiple issues with the fire pumps that are deemed critical in nature. We have provided you with a copy of that inspection for your consideration, which contains the impacts if we do not fix the issues.

We recommend that the Board of Selectmen & Board of Finance proceed with the following proposals to replace the fire pumps.

Bethel Middle School Electric Fire Pump Replacement: \$71,750.00

Berry School Electric Fire Pump Replacement: \$75,950.00

Total cost: \$147,700.00.

Additionally, we are requesting a bid waiver in order to complete this work with our existing service provider, Rieve Fire Protection. Rieve Fire Protection has been our sprinkler contractor for over seven years. They have done high quality work for us in the past, and they know our systems and maintenance history.

Attachments:

1. Fire Protection Proposal for Electric Fire Pump Replacement at Bethel Middle School dated January 12, 2023 from Rieve Fire Protection;
2. Fire Protection Proposal for Electric Fire Pump Replacement at Frank A. Berry Elementary School dated January 12, 2023 from Rieve Fire Protection;
3. Report of Inspection/Test - Quarterly Sprinkler Inspection of Bethel Middle School dated November 22, 2023 by Rieve Fire Protection;
4. Report of Inspection/Test - Quarterly Sprinkler Inspection of Frank A. Berry Elementary School dated November 22, 2023 by Rieve Fire Protection;