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Selectboard
October 29, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING

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Joint meeting with Eden Selectboard
At North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Station, VT100

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Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Chair; Roger Barry, Roger Audet and Dave Gagnier
Members Absent: Roland Boivin
Others Present: North Hyde Park / Eden Fire Department members; Eden Selectboard - Ricky Morin, George Sheldrick and Adam Degree; Tracey Morin, Eden Town Administrative Assistant

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Susan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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1. **Welcome, Agenda Review, Public Comment** ~ No changes. No public comment.
 2. **FY2020 Fire Department Budget** ~ The department presented their FY2020 budget which increased by 9% over FY2019. Discussed the use fire reserve funds, other cash held by the department, the use of the fire truck sale proceeds and equipment purchases. More discussion at a future Selectboard meeting is needed before January.
 3. **New Truck** - After receiving information on the trade, equipment to be added to the truck and a estimated purchase price exceeding the original estimate of \$330,000, the Selectboard agreed to further discuss at their November 12th monthly meeting.
 4. **Adjourn** ~ Motion by Dave to adjourn the meeting 8:40 pm.. Seconded by Roger A.. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

For Reference – Below is additional information from the Eden Selectboard minutes of this meeting:

The purpose of this meeting was to review the FY19/20 budget proposal shared by both towns. Fire Chief, John Savage stated the budget had increased. Each town will be asked to contribute an additional \$3,100. John further explained that the last several years the budget has been level funded. The increase covers increased insurance costs and updates to equipment needed to provide the same services while keeping fire fighters safe. Also discussed were: turnout gear replacement and cost, training requirements; use of monies in the money market reserve account as an emergency fund; equipment insurance coverage; roster numbers showing an increase; new fire truck purchase, trade in monies and the State of VT loan application. Each town will discuss and vote on whether or not to accept the proposed budget at their next regular meetings. The Town of Hyde Park provided Eden Selectboard with an email from Ron Rodjenski to Roger Audet from January 17, 2018 which offered for review and consideration procedures for fire department capital equipment, a fire department dissolution plan and the fire department building lease. A sample dissolution plan was attached. George asked about the rumors coming from Hyde Park Selectboard meetings that Eden was not paying its share. Roger Audet stated they were looking at ways to save the taxpayers money, were looking at considering consolidating equipment while maintaining both locations and that the information had been misconstrued. Hyde Park Selectboard has been learning more about mutual aid/dual tone response and is working on better communication between themselves and the departments. Eden expressed disappointment at not being included in this discussion sooner, an agreement is on file, suggested an updated agreement which could include wording for any possible dissolution. Eden would want to involve its attorney in any such agreements. All agreed the topics warranted further discussion.