

On Wednesday night, March 8th, at 7PM, the bids were opened for the proposed new fire truck.

Four companies were contacted to be part of the fire truck selection process. These companies were chosen because of product quality, service length, and maintenance facility in the New England area, two submitted bids on the RFP Bid specification.

Pierce Fire Apparatus Manufacturing\$1,104,185.00Sutphen Fire Apparatus Manufacturing\$976,080.00

The Fire Department is going through the bids to ensure a proper side by side comparison and to consider pre-pay discount, trade in value. After this process, the meeting request will be lower than the bid price, but the bond request might still be higher than the warrant article request. Since that was proposed, manufacturers have had price increase of up to 7%

The selected manufacturer will be presented to the Selectmen on Monday night, March 13, 2023

The purpose of upgrading from a 2000/2001, 2door, 2person fire truck to a modern fire truck designed to carry 5 fully equipped firefighters and designed for all type's emergency responses to meet standards put forth by the NFPA. The plan for this apparatus is to be in service for a minimum of 35 years with an expectation of longer than 40.

Proposed Engine

- Life span is planned for at least 35 to 40 years
- 750-gallon water tank
- Capacity to hold 5 SCBA units for firefighters and driver
- Interior EMS compartment
- More outside storage space to hold all equipment we need
- Ability to hold all rescue tools and ropes needed for variety of emergencies
- All Wheel Drive capable enabling a safe response in all types weather conditions

The benefits to replacing the 2000/2001 Dingee are vast. The current 2-person cab puts firefighter safety and effectiveness at risk. Having only 2 people arrive for an emergency can slow initial efforts to mitigate the situation. For many emergencies, additional firefighters need to accompany this engine in their personal vehicles opening them and the town up to insurance issues in the event of an accident or other situation while responding. The additional interior cab space is also being designed to allow for better, cleaner storage of EMS supplies needed for such emergencies.

SCBA: self-contained breathing apparatus