

**LYMAN-DAYTON FIRE COMMISSION (FC)**  
**Notes from Joint Meeting FC/Selectmen/Budget Committees**  
**March 13, 2014**

**Note:** This meeting was sponsored by the Budget Committees. The meeting was posted as a Fire Commission meeting in case FC voting was necessary. These notes have been prepared for FC records.

**Location:** Dayton Town Hall – called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair, Dayton Budget Committee.

**Present**

Lyman Selectpersons – Victoria Gavel, John Houy, Steve Marble, Ed Sanborn, George Sutton.

Dayton Selectmen – Ted Poirer, Scott Littlefield, Gerry Taylor

Lyman Budget Committee – Lyman Treasurer/Chairman Lisa Vargas, Stephen Gray, Jeff Demers, Nancy Harrison, Maurice St. Clair, Alyce Swan

Dayton Budget Committee – Chairman Daniel Gay, Nancy Harriman, G. Elwood Brown, Jim Roberts, Paul Reynolds

Fire Commissioners: Amos Gay, Don Herson, Jim Roberts

Dayton/Fire Department Treasurer: Angela Cushman

GMFR: Acting Fire Chief Chad Johnston, Thom Hooper, Robert Lang, Ben Harris

Public: Lyman resident Leo Ruel

**Absent** - Fire Commissioners Ray Demers, Jim Sotir, Wendell Smith; Fire Chief Rod Hooper (military leave)

**Handouts prepared by Dayton/Fire Department Treasurer and Lyman Treasurer**

- Revised Proposed 2014/15 GMFR Budget with supporting material

**Votes Taken** –

**GMFR 2014/15 Budget** - Lyman and Dayton Boards of Selectmen and Budget Committees voted to approve submitting to voters the following budget:

- **Personnel Account** - \$393,406 which allows a 2% pay raise for GMFR employees.
- **Operations Account** - \$194,051 which reflects the 4.8% reduction submitted by the FC.
- **Total GMFR 2014/15 Budget** - \$587,457 which is a 1.4% reduction from GMFR 2013/14 Budget

**This budget must be approved by Lyman and Dayton voters.**

**Replacement Fire Truck** - Lyman and Dayton Boards of Selectmen and Budget Committees voted to approve submitting to voters the option of purchasing a replacement for the 1987 Engine 3 Fire Truck currently out of commission, using the following financing method:

\$56,237 – GMFR surplus as of June 30, 2013  
\$198,359 – Fire Truck funds in both Lyman and Dayton  
\$100,000 – Lyman and Dayton appropriate \$50,000 each for 2014/15  
\$354,596 – Total currently available **(if approved by Lyman and Dayton voters)**  
\$70,404 – To be financed over one year; to be paid from Lyman and Dayton \$50,000 each appropriation in 2015/16  
**\$425,000** – estimated total cost of replacement Fire Truck  
Lyman and Dayton continue to appropriate \$50,000 each year to fund a long term GMFR Fire Truck replacement fund.  
**The fire truck purchase and appropriations must be approved by Lyman and Dayton voters.**

**24/7 Fire Station Coverage Option** – Lyman and Dayton Boards of Selectmen (Lyman 5-0; Dayton 3-0) and Budget Committees (Lyman 6-0; Dayton 3-2) voted to approve submitting to voters the option that would allow one FF/EMT on duty at night 5 pm to 6 am to reduce missed calls and provide faster response times; Use per diem employees to supplement full time employees; Additional Personnel cost +\$64,200.  
**This budget option must be approved by Lyman and Dayton voters.**

#### **Town Funding Amounts**

**Personnel Budget** – 60/40 split - \$236,043.60 Lyman, \$157,362.40 Dayton  
**Operations Budget** – 50/50 split - \$194,051 - \$120,000 (ambulance revenue) = \$74,051; Each town \$37,025.50  
**24/7 Coverage** – 60/40 split - \$38,520 Lyman , \$25,680 Dayton

**Ambulance Replacement and Radio Issues** - Lyman and Dayton Boards of Selectmen and Budget Committees voted to table the cost of possible repairs needed to GMFR vehicle radios, and the funding of a replacement ambulance until more accurate information is available on the impact of the radio deficiencies and the estimated cost.

**Use of Ambulance Revenues to partially offset funds needed for GMFR Budget** – Fire Commission members voted (2-1) to recommend use of \$120,000 from 2013/14 ambulance revenues to offset the GMFR 2014/15 budget. It was noted that ambulance revenues are currently less this year to date, as compared with last year.

#### **Additional Items**

**Fire Department Treasurer's Salary** - not included in GMFR Budget; issues with possible separate bonding/liability insurance for that position; Treasurer currently paid by Town of Dayton with portion billed to Town of Lyman

**Fact Sheet** – FC and Fire Department will prepare a Fact Sheet in support of GMFR referendum/Town meeting warrant articles

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:48 p.m.

**Submitted, as noted, this date of March 13, 2014, by FC Secretary, Don Herson.**