

**NORFOLK BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING**



Members present were: M. Sconyers, S. Anderson, J. Bickford, M. Kwast and J. Torrant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by M. Sconyers.

Bids went out for the purchase of a Firetruck; the NVFD reviewed six (6) manufacturers' bids. The lowest bid is from E-One, is priced at: \$1,252,490.00 and is expected to last approximately 30 years. The build time is 33 months, which is the fastest of all bids. The NVFD will cover the costs of any and all change orders. Some payment options are: (1) 100% prepayment due within 21 days reduces the bid by \$125,000; (2) Simple interest in any amount paid down at any time during the build time would reduce the overall total. The firetruck chosen by NVFD will have an E-One cab and chasse. The dealer/servicer is close by just over the Massachusetts border for any warranty or repair issues. The Town has set aside approximately \$262,000; and \$885,000 was approved by Senator Blumental, though still needs to go through Appropriations. The USDA would reimburse a portion after receipt of the truck. E-One requires no down payment.

On Motion of J. Torrant, second by S Anderson and J. Bickford, and unanimously approved, the BOF voted on the purchase of an E-One tanker firetruck for the NVFD by appropriating \$250,000 towards the purchase. This will now proceed to a Town Meeting. Chairman Sconyers complemented the NVFD on their attention to detail, careful record keeping, in addition to their firefighting skills.

First Selectman Tirrell presented information on the 3-bay garage on behalf of Barry Rosen, chair of the NVFD. Many of the expenses initially came in much higher than expected. With federal funding and strong fundraising, and with contractors on site, the question was raised for pricing for the foundation and slab for a third bay garage and contemplation of the costs to complete construction of the 3rd bay. Chairman Sconyers prefers to have the foundation poured rather than return to the Town for additional funds at this time, and to revisit full construction completion in 2028. The NVFD states there is enough space to meet their current needs, however required storage space needs to remain outside without the 3rd bay. The First Selectman indicated the hope is to try to fundraise for the full 3-bay garage construction completion. The estimated cost for the foundation/slab is \$111,667.20.

Chairman Sconyers moves that \$125,000 be added to what has already been allocated for the 3rd bay garage foundation to the new NVFD facility with the hope of additional fundraising to finish the 3-bay garage, on Motion of M. Sconyers, second by J. Torrant, and unanimously approved. This will now proceed to a Town Meeting.

The Town Meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at Botelle School.

On Motion of J. Torrant, second by J. Bickford and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Ryan

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