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Commissioner Davis inquired if there is one UAV that we get or different ones that can be purchased. Chief Canfield advised it is a series of two, so that one can be put in the air and when that one becomes low on battery, the other one can launch and take it's place, so you have video that will be streamed live to a command post without interruption. Commissioner Davis inquired if this something that would be viewed on a phone and Chief Canfield advised either on a phone or Pad. Commissioner Davis inquired about the cost and Chief Canfield responded that he believes we can purchase the whole package for the \$75,000.00. He indicated they are a commercial grade drone that can run in cold temperatures and carry a payload of multiple cameras.

Chairman Whittum entertained a Motion to approve the re-purposing of the \$75,000.00 in funds for the purchase of the drone, made by Commissioner Mello, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and passed unanimously.

**13. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular or Special Meeting date of February 19, 2020 was confirmed.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

No discussion.

**15. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**16. NON-PUBLIC SESSION (According To RSA 91-A:3, II)**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion made by Commissioner Mello, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm.