

Request to appear before the Board of Select

Item #1

Unless the issue is an emergency, all requests need to be furnished to the Town Administrator no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the Board Meeting.

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ACTION DESIRED: Please specify what action you desire the Board of Selectmen to take as a result of your presentation. Please be as specific as possible.

General Update of Fire Department and Emergency Management activities

Status of the Fire Department:

Budget – In line with forecast, however several setbacks still need to be overcome pertaining to the 10% reduction experienced with the default budget vote

Operations – Run rate for emergency calls to date are running higher than last year, if the activity remains at the current rate, we will surpass the number of responses last year

Personnel – Currently experiencing shortages in resources in both our daytime coverage and regular member coverage. Much of this is due to personnel moving out of town, and injuries. We are still maintaining a very high level of service, just being completed more often by the same members, who have stepped up. We are working to bring on additional members for both areas. A number of our members are in or recently completed certification programs ranging from Firefighter, CDL Driver, Fire Inspector and Fire Instructor

Apparatus – Apparatus repairs are in check, the new ambulance is expected to be delivered by the end of August first week in September.

Projects (Fire Department & Emergency Management –

- a. The Emergency Communications Site Upgrade grant has passed through the regular and technical reviews and awaiting input/Approval by the NHEM Director, possible by July 5. If approved it will be passed along to the Governor's Executive Council for final approval and awaiting of the grant. We would expect the earliest we will possibly see approval by this committee is July since they only meet once a month.

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- b. The AFG grant for the upgrade/replacement of our self-contained breathing apparatus is still in the review process. This is a \$264K grant, and we expect some word by September.
- c. Received the grant for the Lucas 2 heart compression device from CMC in May – Worth \$14K, has been used twice already.
- d. Working with the AF and NBPD to conduct a tabletop exercise related to communications
- e. Working on a grant for the upgrade of our Town's Emergency Operations Plan
- f. Fire Station Options, the committee is continuing to work on the options available for a new fire station

PREVIOUS STEPS TAKEN: Please indicate any attempts that you have made to resolve this issue prior to asking to appear before the Board of Selectmen. If current procedures require that you place your request elsewhere prior to possible action by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator shall inform you at the time you complete this form.
