

## Board of Fire Wards

August 23, 2018

Fire Wards present at the meeting were: Chief MacDonald, Wayne Blassberg, Dick Moody, Dale Smith, Cliff Plourde, Dan Teague and Scott Hunter

Guests: Kaleb Jacob, Karen Scott, Bill McFadden, NBFD Adm. Brian Dubreil, Captain Brandon Merron, FF/EMT Derek Danis

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: no comments

Item 1. The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were accepted with a correction.

Item 2. Cliff Plourde- a member of the tanker committee- reviewed the committee's preliminary meeting at the KME site. Cliff said that the meeting was a positive one. The committee will meet again to discuss the final details of the order for the tanker. It is estimated that the tanker will be delivered May or June of 2019.

Item 3. Chief MacDonald noted that the NBFD has received the SCBA grant of \$170,000. Chief MacDonald will meet with the Selectmen for final approval of the grant.

Item 4. Chief MacDonald informed the Board that with the resignation of Brian Wells as training officer- a committee is currently interviewing two candidates.

Item 5. Chief MacDonald reviewed the proposed CIP Schedule and Budget for 2019-2024. Discussion followed. Dan Teague made a motion to move forward with the purposed CIP budget for 2019-2024 with a note to revisit CIP for U2 in 2021 at a later date. (It was suggested that the chassis from Hose 1 could be used for U2.) The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.

Public Forum

Kaleb Jacob – Kaleb asked for clarification regarding the CIP

Karen Scott asked about the exhaust system . Chief MacDonald noted that the exhaust system has not been available as a grant, but if installed in the present station, would be transferrable to a new station in the future, so it was put on the CIP. Kaleb noted that he was unaware that the department had applied for a grant for the exhaust system.

Karen Scott noted that the Chief had mentioned the lack of an office for the Chief, the Chief responded that it is not cost effective to build into the current station. Karen then asked why the option of a

portable trailer for the office had not been investigated. Chief replied that the expense of a trailer would not be a good use of taxpayer funds.

Karen Scott asked Captain Merron if he had contacted Association members regarding up keep and maintenance on the building. Brandon noted that the maintenance is discussed at meetings, and currently a member is trying to get donations of ceiling tiles. Brandon also mentioned members work around the station building shelves etc, but Brandon explained that volunteer maintenance is difficult especially if there is a busy week with calls. Chief MacDonald noted that the members are volunteers for emergency's not necessarily maintenance of the dept. Discussion continued. Chief MacDonald decided that discussion should be terminated.

Dan Teague made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.