

May 11, 2020

Board of Fire Wards

Fire Wards virtually present for the meeting were: Chief MacDonald, Wayne Blassberg, Brandon Merron, Dick Moody, Joe Segien, Dan Teague and Cliff Plourde (only present for the non-public session due to technical difficulties)

The Zoom meeting opened at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. The Board of Fire Wards reviewed the minutes of April 13, 2020. Dan Teague made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Brandon Merron - all were in favor.

Item 2. Chiefs update: Chief MacDonald noted that the Nbfd calls have been status quo with other years during the pandemic. He also noted that the state has done a great job informing each town of Covid 19 patients in their town on a daily basis. Rescue Captain Catalano has done a great job putting together protective Covid 19 kits for personnel and also to be put on each truck.

Chief MacDonald noted that his contingency plan, contrary to the interpretation of some, was only for a worse case scenario. Currently, Chief MacDonald, Brian Dubriell, Nbfd administrator and Jennifer Alloca, town accountant are working on Grants which are available to reimburse towns for some of the extra expenses of Covid 19.

Dan Teague and Dick Moody commended the Chief on his presentation and composure while explaining the contingency plan to the NBBoard of Selectmen.

Chief MacDonald noted that the "DES project" is underway and should be finished by May 15 if all goes well.

Roundtable

Dick Moody – Dick Moody inquired about the status of the donated command vehicle. Chief MacDonald noted that the process of approvals has been finished (NBFire Wards, NBSelectmen, NBFire Association) currently registration is in the mail. Donated items will be added and it should be up and running in 3 weeks.

Dick also inquired about a recent radio tone with no voice. Chief MacDonald explained that Rick Todd has successfully been working on the possibility of Amherst dispatch being the 3rd radio back-up. Chief MacDonald recognized Rick Todd's efforts. Rick Todd also has helped to train CERT members Bruce and Lorraine McKim to dispatch in the event they were needed.

Brandon Merron – Engine 2 is still scheduled for arrival time in August.

Chief MacDonald noted that Brandon has done an outstanding job as training officer incorporating trainings into the zoom format. At the last meeting there were 32 participants!

At 7:20pm Dan Teague made a motion to go into Nonpublic session RSA91-A: 3, II (b) seconded by Brandon Merron

Members present were: Chief MacDonald, Wayne Blassberg, Joe Segien, Brandon Merron, Dick Moody, Cliff Plourde, and Dan Teague

At 7:34pm Wayne Blassberg made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Joe Segien.

Kevin Ayala's application for membership was approved by the Board of Fire Wards.

Wayne Blassberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cliff Plourde. All were in favor.

Explaining the contingency plan for the pandemic to the New Boston Board of Selectmen.