

Board of Fire Wards
September 27, 2021

Fire Wards present at the meeting were: Chief MacDonald, Cliff Plourde, Wayne Blassberg, Brandon Merron, and Dick Moody

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

Item 1. The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting – September 7- Wayne Blassberg made a motion to accept the minutes of September 7 meeting. The motion was seconded by Brandon Merron. All were in favor.

Item 2. Chief MacDonald noted that he is currently working on the proposed budget for the ensuing year. The budget will need to include an increase in wage compensation and transition to a per diem position – (Cliff Plourde has taken over twenty surveys of surrounding departments with similar demographics as New Boston to reference in regard to wage compensation.)

Item 3. Brandon Merron made a motion to nominate Derek Danis to fill the open position on the Board of Fire Wards until the next election in March. The motion was seconded by Cliff Plourde. All were in favor.

Item 4. Chief's Report:

- The Chief reported on the current Safety Complex meetings-to date there have been two meetings.

- NBFD was not awarded the grant for the AFG radios and EMPG (repeater and generators) Chief MacDonald noted they will try again

- The committee for the new ambulance is beginning work on specs

- The radio site generator was inspected on September 13 and the generator and wires was destroyed by mice. Due to the threat of a storm, the state brought in a generator- at the request of Chief MacDonald. Chief will keep the Board informed on the estimated spec for the new generator.

- Masks are required when in the station as a precaution –

- The Boiler is being replaced in the Station due to water damage, at an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Roundtable

Brandon Merron noted that he will get cost estimates for painting of the bay and bay floor in the fire station to be included in a line item in the budget.

8:10 pm -Dick Moody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.