

Board of Fire Wards

May 9, 2022

Fire Wards in attendance at the meeting were: Chief MacDonald, Cliff Plourde, Wayne Blassberg, Joe Segien, Brandon Merron, and Derek Danis

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

Item 1. Chief MacDonald noted that there are currently no updates regarding potential grants.

Item 2. Chief MacDonald updated the Board regarding the scheduled on-call pilot program that he is working on with Nbfd Administrator Capt. Brian Dubreuil.

Item 3. Chief MacDonald suggested that Capt. Brian Dubreuil be included in fire ward meetings due to his position as administrator and his value as a senior member of the dept. Following discussion, Cliff Plourde made a motion to allow Capt. Dubreuil to participate in Fire Ward meetings as a senior member of the dept. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.

Item 4. Chief MacDonald gave a review of the April operational statistics: so far there have been 247 emergency calls. (last year at this time there were 198) There have been 6 calls for mutual aid.

Item 5. Chief Macdonald noted that there is not a definitive date for the completed repairs on Engine 2.

Roundtable

Derek Danis noted that Parker Bell would be back in town to respond to calls. Clarification on the per diem and on call pilot was also discussed. Derek questioned if the program was open to everyone on the dept.

Cliff Plourde suggested the Board develop a contingency plan for the Chief's retirement. Cliff also questioned the availability of bunker gear and if gear should

be rented. Chief noted that there are currently 7 new sets in the budget. Chief MacDonald noted that during the transition period more responsibility might be on the Assistant Chief.

Brandon Merron discussed the possibility of hiring a chief from MRI for a temp position.

Chief MacDonald noted that Brian Wells is home in New Boston and is recuperating.

Brandon Merron made a motion to adjourn at 7:58pm. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.