

Board of fire Wards

February 13, 2017

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

The meeting began with the pledge of Allegiance

Item 1. Chief MacDonald noted that Comstar has new suggested rates for EMS. Bill Mortimer, will meet with the Board in March to discuss the rates

Item 2. Chief MacDonald noted that the informational meeting held at the Whipple Free Library by Russell Osgood, State Director of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network was well attended by firefighters from New Boston, Weare, Frankestown and Mt Vernon. Chief MacDonald has purchased "baby wipes" for the station to be used to wipe down exposed skin following a fire. He also suggested that the gear be moved to the back bay where the RTV is currently being stored. Discussion followed.

There was no opposition to the plan.

Item3. Chief MacDonald clarified for anyone who was not at deliberative session that he did explain to all present at the deliberative that he was taking responsibility for the cost of the mailer due to his error in having it sent out. He noted that he had made it clear with the town bookkeeper that the cost would not be billed to the town.

Item 4. There are two new applicants for the dept. There applications are in the process and they should be up for vote at the next meeting.

Roundtable

Wayne Blassberg- Wayne said that the Building Committee would continue posting information on Facebook regarding the proposed station.

Scott Hunter – Scott Hunter revisited his question to the Board: Is the Fireman's breakfast a public health risk?

Wayne Blassberg and Gina Catalano had composed a list: What lengths do we go to make the Fireman's Breakfast safe?

-The floor is washed the day before the breakfast

-All pots pans, and containers that hold food are covered during the month and wiped out prior to use.

-The grill is cleaned after every breakfast, twice covered throughout the month, and cleaned again before the breakfast.

-Table cloths are put on all tables

-All surfaces that hold food or are adjacent to the food id cleaned and wiped down before every breakfast

-All food is in sealed containers prior to breakfast

-We are working on a plan to move gear to the back bay

-Trucks are out of the bay about 2 hours before breakfast starts. The grill exhaust fan is funning during this 2 hr. period pulling the air out of the apparatus bay

-The kitchen and food preparation areas are cleaned prior to food preparation

-The bathroom is scrubbed

-Coffee makers are cleaned before use.

Discussion followed. It was the opinion of the Board that the Fireman's breakfast is not a public health risk. It was agreed by the Board to continue with the Monthly Fireman's Breakfast

Dan Teague made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg.

All were in favor.