

Board of Fire Wards Minutes of the April 10, 2017 Meeting

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

Guests: 4 guests

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: Chief MacDonald asks if there were questions from those present.

Karen Scott asked where the rest of the Board was at the opening of the meeting. Two were missing – Dan Teague and Dale Smith. Chief MacDonald noted that Dale would be late and had not heard from Dan Teague but assumed he was working. He noted that it was a volunteer group and everyone did their best to attend.

Karen Scott also asked where the Board intends to do with station since the Town voted the new station down. Chief MacDonald noted that the Building Committee was taking a few weeks off but then would meet and discuss a plan moving forward to be approved by the Fire Wards. Karen expressed concern regarding pursuing a new station if the plan was voted down by the voters.

Mike Pimenta asked where he could find minutes of Fire Ward meetings.

Item 1. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by the Board. Wayne Blassberg made a motion to approve the minutes as read with a grammatical correction. The motion was seconded by Scott Hunter. All were in favor.

Item 2. The Board discussed the EMS rates for the ensuing year. It was agreed that rates should be reviewed annually. Following discussion Scott Hunter made a motion to raise the EMS rates 22% (NH average rate) for one year. Cliff Plourde seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item 3. The Board discussed the NFPA Water Supply Ordinance. Following discussion, Scott Hunter made a motion to pursue legal opinion on the enforceability of NFPA 1 before considering the Water Supply Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Dale Smith. All were in favor.

Item 4. Chief MacDonald discussed the ice rescue device that has been used by members in a drill.

The input from officers and members was favorable. Chief MacDonald recommended that the Board approve the purchase of this tool for a cost of \$2800.00. Scott Hunter had reservations about the purchase.

Chief MacDonald suggested that the Officers be invited to the next Board meeting to give their input.

Scott Hunter noted that he would speak to the Officers regarding their opinions before the next meeting. The vote was tabled until the next meeting.

Item 5. The Board reviewed the Dicey subdivision - There was question if the lot line for the subdivision was within the 2200' water supply distance. Wayne Blassberg will verify the distance (1880') and then a memo will be sent to the Planning Board.

Item 6. Chief MacDonald updated the Board in regard to the radio site project. Currently the vendor is working out radio compatibility issues.

Roundtable

Scott Hunter – Scott inquired if public comment is acceptable at the end of the meeting of the Board.

The board did not object to public comment following the public end of the meeting. The agenda will be modified.

Dale Smith – Dale inquired about the Board of Fire Ward minutes being posted on the town web site.

It was noted that posting the Board of Fire Ward minutes on the web site has not been done before but they are working on it at the town office.

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