

Board of Fire Wards

February 12, 2018

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public forum

Kaleb Jacob informed the Board that the meeting was being recorded. Kaleb had a question regarding a print out of the fire department budget. The Chief was not certain about the inquiry and referred Kaleb to the town administrator for clarification.

Kaleb Jacob asked the Board if a vendor had been chosen for the construction of the proposed fire station. Chief MacDonald noted that they have spoken to vendors in regard to the construction but there is nothing legally binding until the station is approved.

Kaleb Jacob asked about the cost of repurposing the fire station – Chief MacDonald noted that \$45,000. had been quoted as the cost to raise the building.

Old Business

Scott Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes as written for January 22. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.

Other Business

Chief MacDonald noted that the SCBA grant will be reviewed beginning in March with final results coming out in June.

Chief MacDonald noted that there are two Informational meetings – open to the public – regarding the new fire station. The meetings are scheduled February 17 and February 20.

Roundtable

There was no discussion

Public forum

Karen Scott asked if the proposed tanker truck is classified as a pumper. Chief MacDonald noted that the proposed tanker truck does not meet the NFPA qualifications to be a class A pumper.

Karen Scott inquired regarding the request Scott Hunter made at the last meeting for the officers to discuss and make recommendations regarding their 10 year plan for Nbfd including apparatus, facilities

and staffing projections. Chief MacDonald noted that although this request was a good one, it will take time and thought. In the future, Chief MacDonald would like to invite the officers to a Board meeting to discuss this plan.

Bill McFadden – Bill asked for an explanation of NCBA – in regard to the discussion of the grant. Chief MacDonald explained the grant.

Kaleb Jacob inquired about the agreement with the Air Force Tracking Station regarding Nbfd occupancy. Chief MacDonald explained that there is a 5 yr agreement with the Air Force that is renewed every 5 years. Kaleb inquired about a notice of cancellation by the Air Force – Chief MacDonald did not feel that would be a concern but 120 days was written in the contract.

Wayne Blassberg made the motion to adjourn the meeting, The motion was seconded by Dick Moody. All were in favor.