

Board of Fire Wards

July 16, 2018

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

Guests: Karen Scott, Bill McFadden, Capt. Brandon Merron, Lt. Rich Little, Derek Danis and Lt Erik Dubowik -fire inspector

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: Karen Scott addressed the Board questioning the lack of meetings of the Board

Scott Hunter addressed Karen's inquiry noting that there have been no issues for discussion. Scott noted that the fire wards oversee the budget and policy and the Chief is in charge of operations. If the Chief has a need for their input he will let the Board know.

Item 1. The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dan Teague. All were in favor.

Item 2. Lt Dubowik presented to the Board his recommended strategies regarding cisterns moving forward. Discussion followed. The Board will review his suggestions and revisit. There was discussion regarding the definition of a "new road" in regard to subdivisions. Wayne Blassberg will research and get back to the Board.

Fire Chief Report:

Chief MacDonald noted that members of the committee were currently visiting KME regarding the new tanker

Chief MacDonald has not received the official notification but it is a pretty sure thing that NBFD has been awarded the SCBA grant. He will advise the Board when he receives notification.

Item 3. Capt Merron gave a brief update on his progress working with members of the department regarding the new station. Capt Merron will continue with question and answer meetings within the department and also with community members.

Item 4. Dan Teague asked for an update regarding Hose 1. Dan understood that Hose 1 would be taken out of service with the new tanker added to the fleet. Chief MacDonald noted that he did not think that Hose 1 would be taken out of service immediately. Discussion followed. The future for Hose 1 will be discussed at a future meeting.

Public forum

Bill McFadden asked the Board if a fund for safety improvements had been set up as suggested by Kaleb Jacob.* A fund has not been set up as of this date.

Bill McFadden asked the Board how often the cisterns are tested.

*the cisterns are checked once a year for water levels, piping, venting and maintenance of their grounds.

Karen Scott noted that at the previous meeting, before ordering the tanker, it was suggested to check the angle of departure and approach on the new tanker design – was that done?

Chief MacDonald noted that the committee investigated and it was okay.

Karen Scott requested a list of the building committee members. Wayne Blassberg noted that the committee membership has not changed since the last inquiry from Karen for a list but agreed to send her the list again.

Scott Hunter made a motion to go into Non-Public per RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a), (b), (c) Personnel and Legal