

November 5, 2018

Board of Fire Wards

Board of Fire Wards present were: Chief MacDonald, Cliff Plourde, Wayne Blassberg, Scott Hunter, Dale Smith, Dan Teague

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum – no comment

The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Wayne Blassberg made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. The motion was seconded by Scott Hunter. All were in favor.

Item 1. Lt. Eric Dubowik, gave an update on the SCBA committee. The committee recommends Scott SCBA's be purchased with the grant. Following discussion, Scott Hunter made a motion that the Board approve the recommendation of the SCBA committee. The motion was seconded by Dale Smith. All were in favor.

(Cliff Plourde abstained from vote)

Item 2. Lt. Dubowik reviewed the proposal (to be presented to the Planning Board on November 27) regarding water supply and cisterns. Scott Hunter expressed concern regarding the exact wording of the proposal in an effort to meet NFPA 1 and will work with Lt. Dubowik on the details of the wording.

Item 3. Captain Brandon Merron gave a review of the proposed Engine 2 specifications. Capt. Merron addressed all questions from the Board of Fire Wards at the previous meeting. Following his review, The Board was in agreement that the Specifications be accepted and sent out.

Item 4. Chief MacDonald discussed the future direction of the NBFD. Discussion followed regarding the proposal that the NBFD be considered a town department with the Fire Chief (who would be appointed) reporting to the Selectmen rather than the Board of Fire Wards. Chief noted that the department currently has 54 employees. Pros and cons of this proposal were discussed. Scott Hunter made the motion to accept RSA E-A for consideration. It was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. There was not a vote on this motion. It was agreed that the Board should consider and further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Item 5. Chief MacDonald gave a review of the 2019 budget.

Roundtable

Cliff Plourde gave an update on the status of the tanker. The chassis is completed and it is headed to KME as scheduled.

Chief MacDonald noted that he had reviewed grants etc. from the last 10 years and approx. \$ 2.4 million dollars has been saved by NBFD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 – Request for Non –Public per RSA91-A: 3, 11(a), (b), (c) Personnel and Legal