

Board of Fire Wards

June 24, 2019

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

The meeting opened at 7:33pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Forum – Karen Scott addressed the issue of lack of Board of Fire Ward meetings.

Chief MacDonald replied to Karen Scott's concerns explaining that as the Dept evolves the Chief handles many of the issues and looks to the Board for policy concerns or budget review.

Scott Hunter also noted that the Board of Fire Wards does not vote on operational concerns.

Item 1. The Board of Fire Wards reviewed the minutes of the March 18 meeting. Wayne Blassberg made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a name spelling correction. The motion was seconded by Dick Moody. All were in favor.

Appointments – Karen Scott requested an appointment with the Board of Fire Wards on information pertaining to – status of new equipment including Tanker and Engine, DES complaint of Contamination and the Lack of Fire Ward Meetings.

Item 2. Per request of Karen Scott -Chief MacDonald gave an update on the Contamination issue and noted that they are working on a temporary solution and if needed will put together a warrant article to include the expense of a holding tank.

Tanker 1 update – Tanker 1 is currently at Bull dog.

Engine 2 update- Engine 2 is ordered and will be ready mid 2020

Item 3. Exhaust system- a vendor has been chosen and work is expected to begin on August 12

Item 4. Chief MacDonald noted the success of a training program he presented to the NBPD on live wires and CO detectors.

Chief MacDonald noted that the Safety Program that has been developed by Emergency Management, NBFD and NBPD at the Rose Meadow facilities in NB has been seen as leading edge in the State.

Training and a Safety presentation is also taking place at the Recreation Summer Program.

Item 5. The tree on the Daniels land opposite the station poses a hazard and permission has been granted to have it cut down and removed for free.

Item 6. Chief MacDonald noted that NBFD applied for a grant for a compressor and is hopeful NBFD will qualify.

Public Forum

Karen Scott inquired about the permanent cost of controlling the contamination to the river. Chief MacDonald spoke to the town engineer Kevin Leonard and an estimate is \$20,000. Bill McFadden questioned the ability of moving the holding tank to a new location if necessary for a new fire station. Chief MacDonald was unsure.

Karen noted that the minutes need to be posted on the town site 5 days after the meeting takes place.

Kaleb Jacob asked again who had called in the complaint to DES regarding the river contamination. Chief MacDonald noted that the problem and solution should be the concern not who called it in. Kaleb Jacob asked if the proposal for a new station would be discussed at a Board of Fire Ward meeting. Chief MacDonald answered that it would.

Keith Ammon asked for the history of the DES situation from its beginnings. Chief MacDonald reviewed the issue.

Chief MacDonald noted that the Board would go into non public session. RSA91-A:3,II (a) Chief MacDonald made an amendment to the specific Statutory RSA for the session – RSA 91-A:3,II(b) – the hiring of any person as a public employee. The amendment was seconded by Wayne Blassberg – all in favor.

Scott Hunter made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session seconded by Wayne Blassberg.

-Roll call to enter non-public session; Chief MacDonald, Wayne Blassberg, Scott Hunter, Dick Moody, Cliff Plourde.

Board members discussed and reviewed applications for approval.

Scott Hunter made a motion to accept the applications of Andrew Carrier and Chris Gamble. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg.

Scott Hunter made a motion to accept the application of Parker Bell conditional on a favorable background check. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.

Wayne Blassberg made a motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. The motion was seconded by Scott Hunter. All were in favor.

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