

Board of Firewards

Meeting November 1, 2007

Meeting opened at 19:30

Firewards Present: D. Bowles, H. Remick, D. Littlefield, M. Norcross, J. Hartley

Fire Department Personnel Present: Chief Solomon, Asst. Chief Bowles, D. Bowles, J. Bellen, W. Streeter

Public Present: None

Minutes of the October 2007 meeting were accepted with two corrections.

Old Business:

Door locks. Dave Bowles asked if there was anything new on the door locks. Chief Solomon reported that there was nothing new.

Dave Bowles reported that the catch basin outside the Wonalancet Station has been repaired.

Dave Bowles noted that we have had good PR on Firewise. He read it in the paper and saw it on channel 9. Chief Solomon reported that the idea is spreading. Sokokis Pines is the next stop in Tamworth, but there is interest in a subdivision in Ossipee and the camps in Freedom along Ossipee Lake Rd. There is also a visible difference within Ski and Beach. It is not every house, but a substantial portion of them.

The budget was reviewed.

The Chiefs activity report was reviewed. Chief Solomon noted that there was extra time devoted to HazMat last month as he had to testify at two Legislative Committee Hearings in Concord.

Dave Bowles brought up dredging the fire pond near central station. He will make the arrangements with Bruce Robinson and schedule the clean out for a Saturday.

The proposed 2008 budget was reviewed. The bottom line was level funding. Chief Solomon reworked the individual line items to better reflect where we spend the money. Motion made by D. Littlefield to approve the proposed budget. Second by J. Hartley. Motion carried.

New Business:

Chief Solomon updated the Firewards on several inspection issues.

The Brass Heart Inn is now relatively compliant. They have completed everything we have asked them to do. They still need a variance from the Fire Marshal as they have only one compliant means of egress from the front area.

Runnels Hall is out of time to fix their problems. They say they have done everything. That will be verified next week.

The Tamworth Inn is doing nothing toward compliance and could be closed as early as November 15. Chief Solomon still has to speak with John Southwell before setting the closure date. J. Hartley was concerned about being sued over the closure. Chief Solomon assured him that we have greater liability for inaction than action, but the owner of the Inn has stated that he will sue us if we close it. Chief Solomon still feels we have to put safety first.

Chief Solomon noted that we need a vote from the Firewards reference the training reimbursement. Motion made by J. Hartley to give each member that has at least 20 hours of training \$50.00. Seconded by H. Remick. Motion carried.

Chief Solomon noted to the board that he will be at his Paramedic refresher November 12 through the 17 so he will not be in the office.

Chief Solomon noted that November 28 will be the last day on this years V.I.P.

Chief Solomon noted that we saved between \$2000 and \$3000 by owning the Chiefs Car over paying mileage reimbursement. That counts in the new tires and repair the vehicle needed. J. Hartley asked how it was running. Chief Solomon noted that we fixed a couple of things on it this year and it has a bad lifter, but all in all it runs well. D. Bowles asked about the mileage. Chief Solomon reported that it has 130,000 miles.

Motion made by Dana Littlefield to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Seconded by J. Hartley. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Entered non-public session at 20:54.

Chief Solomon updated the board on the Status of several members.

Kattie MacArthur has been sent a letter terminating her and requesting her gear back by the end of October. It has not yet been received. The next step is a registered letter. If there is still no response, we send the PD.

Danny Blanchette has been terminated and we have his gear back.

Rose Wilson has been medically cleared for duty. This was verified with our Department Physician.

Chief Solomon has been unable to contact Matt Wright and will now have to send him a letter.

Motion made to return to public session made by D. Littlefield. Seconded by J. Hartley. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Returned to public session at 21:03.

Chief Solomon noted that the double doors on Engine One are still coming open and the last time we lost a pressurized water extinguisher. We have tried the simple solution of a wedge as well as education and training on the problem but those have not solved it. Chief Solomon will take the engine to LRFA and let them look at it. If they have a reasonable solution at a reasonable price, he will get it fixed.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Littlefield. Seconded by H. Remick. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 21:16