

TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting September 3, 2020

Firewards Present: Jim Bowles, Harry Remick, John Hartley

Members Present: Chief Richard Colcord, Capt. Diane Bowles

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:32 by Chairman Bowles

Minutes: The Board reviewed the August 6, 2020 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as made by J. Hartley, Second by H. Remick. All in favor.

Public Comment: N/A

Old Business:

Chief Colcord said that building inspections are starting to pick up but he should have some time to get some of the station trim painting done.

The tree that was leaning over the Chocorua Station has been removed. There is one limb from another tree on the east side that is almost touching the roof. John Hartley will remove this with a pruning saw.

Chief Colcord will likely move the Central Station generator next week.

New Business:

The inside of the cistern for the Mill Brook hydrant on Tamworth Road needs to be inspected.

During a recent building fire a mutual aid department did not realize that it is a cistern and pumped it very low to the point where dirty water and possible fine dirt was coming out. Chief Colcord will follow up on this. J. Bowles and J. Hartley expressed interest in assisting with pumping it out and doing the inspection.

6E5 will be going to LRFA for the recalled electrical part replacement, air booster pump pressure adjustment, to fix the door sensor, and vehicle inspection next week.

Chief Colcord will begin getting other vehicles inspected starting Tuesday next week as well.

The brake drums on the front drive axle of 6E2 have been replaced. It will likely need new tires for one of the drive axles next year.

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H. Remick recently mowed the grass at S. Tamworth Station. He will get back and cut the sumac that is next to the building. Chief Colcord and others will work on getting rid of the junk from behind the station.

Chief Colcord will follow up with an electrician to get the outstanding electric service updates done at Chocorua and Wonalancet stations.

The RFPs for the new forestry truck to replace 6F1 and 6F2 have been sent out. The required paperwork has been sent to FEMA to secure the \$179,937.42 federal grant that the Department has been awarded and the \$20,000 match that the Town is responsible for was raised at the 2020 town meeting so things are on track. Proposals are due by Thursday, 9/17/20 at noon and will be opened at a special Firewards meeting at 19:30 that night. Chief Colcord and J. Bowles will meet this Tuesday morning at 9:30 to review some questions on the RFP that have been raised by vendor(s) to date.

It was noted that not all of the engines have the fittings required to backflush both sizes of hydrants that we have. Chief Colcord will take inventory and purchase the fittings.

With a predicted warm/dry fall, it was decided that this month's training would be forestry related. Chief Colcord advised he will come up with something that involves relay pumping long distances of forestry hose, perhaps on Great Hill. D.K. Bowles brought up that based on observations at some recent calls, we need to remind members to park on the same side of the road at calls.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 20:26 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bowles, Chairman – Board of Firewards