

TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting October 1, 2020

Firewards Present: Jim Bowles, Harry Remick, John Hartley, Zach Remick

Members Present: Chief Richard Colcord, Capt. Diane Bowles, Capt. Matt Baumann

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:33 by Chairman Bowles

Minutes: The Board reviewed the September 3, 2020 minutes and the September 17, 2020 Special Board of Firewards Meeting minutes. Motion to approve both minutes made by J. Hartley, Second by H. Remick. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Generator at Central Station is moved and wired. Waiting to get the gas hooked up and the stepmotor that governs the RPMs is ordered.

John Hartley still intends to remove the branches that are touching or nearly touching the east side of the roof on the Chocorua station.

Chief Colcord will move his excavator to Mill Brook tomorrow to dig down and expose the access cover to the cistern. It was agreed that well tiles should be installed to the ground surface to make future inspection and cleaning possible without the need for excavation. J. Bowles & J. Hartley expressed interest in helping with this project.

New Business:

Truck inspection will start tomorrow. There is a list of repairs for each truck that should be addressed at the same time.

Lakes Region Fire Apparatus has advised Chief Colcord that the new forestry truck details are at the manufacturer's (Alexis) and that a purchase order may be ready for final review and signature next week.

J. Bowles advised that the H-GAC purchasing consortium called today and he made some final adjustments to the ILC contract. The H-GAC agent advised that she will now forward it to the appropriate signatories on their end and then return a copy to TFR. She was unable to provide a time estimate for this because they are working remotely due to Covid-19.

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Chief Colcord has exposed the septic tank cover at Central station and it is scheduled to be pumped on 10/7/20.

Chief Colcord also advised that while he was there with his excavator he re-graded the area to help the water drain away from the back door to the utility closet and he removed the dead tree and stump that was in danger of falling on the building and rescue trailer.

The need to get started removing the junk from behind S. Tamworth station was discussed again. R. Colcord may get some next week when he has his pickup and a trailer around. We need to make it a priority before winter.

Chief Colcord is getting prices for siding and roofing at Chocorua station and updated electric services at Chocorua and Wonalancet stations.

Chief Colcord advised that he has ordered 4 lengths booster hose to replace sections that have broken over the years on engine 1, some backpacks, and 2 litebox flashlights to replace ones that don't work.

Discussed the status of the 2020 budget. The vehicle maintenance item is over, most items are under since many maintenance and equipment purchases were put on hold when the coronavirus hit. It was agreed that scheduled equipment and maintenance items should go forward at this time so that we don't get behind.

Discussed getting an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course. Although many members have had some form of this in the past, it is a requirement of the forestry truck grant that operators have a current one.

M. Baumann will try to find an instructor for CPR refresher for next Thursday's training.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 20:10 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by Z. Remick. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bowles, Chairman – Board of Firewards