

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

October 1, 2015

Firewards Present: David A. Bowles, Harry Remick, Dana Littlefield, John Hartley, Shawn Bross.

Members Present: Chief Colcord, Asst. Chief Jim Bowles, Capt. Matt Baumann, FF Marsha Colcord, FF Zack Remick, Prob. FF Richard Fitts.

Public Present: Andrew Bartolini, Jack Waldron-CIP

Meeting Opened at 19:30 by Chair D. A. Bowles.

Minutes: J. Hartley made a motion to accept the minutes, as is from September 3, 2015. H. Remick seconded. All in favor.

Public Comment: Jack Waldron was present from the Capitol Improvements Committee (CIP) to discuss consulting with architectural firm Whitman & Barker, in regards to designing/long term planning of a new Central Fire Station. Waldron mentioned planning can take 10-15 years, and further mentioned the bonds for the Transfer Station and School will be paid off by 2023. Waldron advised he can arrange a meeting with the firm, but is unsure of the cost of the service. Some discussion ensued. The Board will take it under advisement for consideration.

New Member: Andrew Bartolini was present to apply for membership to the department. The Board conditionally approved Bartolini's application, pending background check and physical.

Old Business:

Chief Colcord advised he gave Probationary FF Fitts a pager and used gear, but is still needs to complete paperwork for the Town to be covered for insurance.

Chief Colcord mentioned he has spoke with Capt. Baumann about the department Facebook page and approves of the content and Capt. Baumann managing it.

Chief Colcord presented the Board with documents showing receipts for the acceptance of gear and a checklist for individual members' gear.

It was noted the Wonalancet Station apron was repaired by the Highway Dept.

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New Business:

Chief Colcord advised he was told by the Town that we would need to use Independent Fire for servicing extinguishers. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed to stay with Tri-State Fire Protection.

Chief Colcord mentioned Bergeron Protective Clothing will be at the department on October 8th to measure identified members for new gear.

Chief Colcord discussed the balance of the current budget and discussion was had about equipment needed.

Chief Colcord presented the Board with the proposed 2016 Budget, which showed a decrease of \$11,999. Chief Colcord also discussed a warrant article in the amount of \$18,000 for rehabbing the Chocorua Fire Station. Work on the station would include; roofing, siding, insulation, and windows.

Chief Colcord asked for ideas on relocating the 1941 Engine, in order to free up space in Central Station.

Chief Colcord discussed combining meetings in order to eliminate one meeting a month, and help boost attendance for training. Asst. Chief Bowles advised that we consistently have an average of twelve members per training and does not feel eliminating a meeting will help this factor. Board agreed to keep the current configuration of meetings at this time.

D. Littlefield mentioned training next week will be a presentation on Motor Vehicle Extrication presented by FF Zack Remick, followed by a practical exercise at Ricker's Auto Salvage the following week on Thursday the 15th.

Non-Public: None

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 21:27 made by S. Bross. Seconded by J. Hartley. All in favor.

Submitted Respectfully by Dana Littlefield