

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

December 6, 2012

Firewards Present: David A. Bowles, Harry Remick, John Hartley, Dana Littlefield, Dan Teryek.

Members Present: Chief Rich Colcord, Asst. Chief Jim Bowles, Capt. D.K. Bowles, FF Shawn Bross, FF Kim Eldridge, FF Marsha Colcord.

Public Present: Pat Farley, Selectman Jim Hidden, Selectman John Roberts, Selectman Bob Abraham, Declan O'Connell, Michael Bowles.

Meeting Opened at 19:36 by Chair D. A. Bowles.

Public Comment: The Board of Selectmen and members of the Economic Development Council were on hand to discuss mounting a web camera on top of Great Hill Fire Tower, as well as adding a small weather station. D. O'Connell mentioned that the cameras operate at approximately €35/day. P. Farley discussed that possible funding would come from private sources or grant money. General discussion ensued.

D. Littlefield made a motion for the Fire Department to agree on mounting a web camera on top of Great Hill Fire Tower pending outcome of research and costs associated brought forth by the Economic Development Council. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Minutes: Minutes from November 1, 2012 were read. Motion made to accept minutes as amended by J. Hartley, 2nd by H. Remick. All in favor.

Old Business:

Engine 2 Frame Update: Work was completed and will be inspected soon.

Vehicle Maintenance: Chief Colcord took Engine 1 to Lakes Region Fire Apparatus to have the brakes repaired. Chief Colcord mentioned the brakes were seized due to road salt and the hubs need to be cleaned out more often. Engine 1 will possibly be back in service tomorrow.

Fire Prevention: Capt. D.K. Bowles will be presenting to the upper grades in the Spring.

Exp. FF Zack Remick needs to bring back the department application to the next Fireward's meeting.

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Asst. Chief J. Bowles discussed the Safety & Health Program that was presented last month. J. Bowles mentioned that the manual requires that all members review it and sign off on the sheet. J. Bowles advised that although there is a sentence in the introduction section indicating that the person is intended to cover contractors and volunteers, there are some references that do not apply to volunteers, so some volunteers may question why they are being asked to sign it. Chief Colcord discussed that by signing the sheet and agreeing that you reviewed the manual that it would not be detrimental to their membership as a volunteer. J. Bowles agreed and pointed out due to the size of the manual most volunteers will not actually read the manual and so questions may never arise.

New Members: Michael Bowles presented his application to join as an Explorer Firefighter. The Board approved to accept M. Bowles as a full member Explorer Firefighter.

New Business:

D. Littlefield mentioned that there was no training next week; instead he will be hosting the Department's Christmas Party.

J. Hartley mentioned that he has heard that some other Fire Departments are having problems getting along and he stressed the importance for our department to cooperate with all other departments. All in attendance concurred and felt that our relations with area Departments are very good at the time.

Chief Colcord submitted the activity log to the Town Office for end of the year incentives.

Non-Public: None

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 21:05 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Submitted Respectfully by Dana Littlefield