

TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting

April 7, 2011

Firewards present: David A. Bowles, Harry Remick, Dana Littlefield, Milton Norcross, John Hartley.

Firefighters present: Asst. Chief Jim Bowles, Capt. Dan Teryek, Capt. Diane K Bowles, FF Phil Rich, FF Matt Baumann, FF Michaela Tetreault, FF Chris Robinson, FF Eric St. Jean.

Meeting Opened at 20:02

Minutes: Minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting, motion to accept as amended by John Hartley, 2nd by Milton Norcross. All in favor.

Old Business:

David A. Bowles gave an update on the repeater. We are still waiting for the special use permit or easement from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development.

Dana Littlefield updated on the MSDS materials. It was mentioned that we had a Safety Inspection on all of our stations today by the Town's Prevention and Joint Loss Committee. The only thing we are not in compliance with is our MSDS materials. Dana Littlefield will continue to work on.

All apparatus, including forestry trucks, were inspected, with exception of Engine 3 it will be inspected tomorrow. Forestry 1 did not pass inspection because it will need a master cylinder and wheel cylinder.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles mentioned we are sorting out SCBA masks. Engine 3 has 2, Engine 2 has 2, Engine 4 has 2, Engine 1 has 3, Hose 1 has 2. Dana Littlefield mentioned the Scott representative may come up if we were to purchase 7 or more.

Milton Norcross asked about an update on Samantha's Inn. M. Norcross mentioned that the Inn and Restaurant have closed down, but the fitness gym was still open 24/7. It was mentioned that they are renting rooms out monthly. Asst. Chief J. Bowles mentioned they would still need to meet the Life Safety Code requirements that he sent them in a letter.

Dana Littlefield brought a drawing for building a storage closet in the back of Central Station. Dana Littlefield projected it would cost around \$250.00 for materials. Motion to build the closet next to the bathroom, with material costs not to exceed \$300.00 by Dana Littlefield, 2nd by John Hartley. All in favor.

New Business:

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles mentioned we received a notice to pump the septic tank. The Board decided it was best to wait until next year have it pumped.

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David A. Bowles spoke about the Wardens meeting and mentioned that Ed Mahew was let go and there is no one to man the Fire Tower. It was thought that we would not pay the dues for Red Hill Fire Tower until the position is filled.

David A. Bowles mentioned he and Ranger Bob Boyd are going to look at the tower man's cabin on Green Mountain to assess what needs to be done for work.

Harry Remick mentioned the tiles in the bathroom at Central Station need to be replaced but they do not have red tiles. He mentioned going with beige tiles. Capt. Diane K. Bowles asked what the limit was for hiring an elected official. It was believed to be \$200.00 for labor. Motion was made to hire Harry Remick to tile the bathroom for \$199.00 or less by John Hartley, 2nd by Milton Norcross. All in favor.

Dana Littlefield also mentioned about purchasing recyclable bins for Central. John Hartley made a motion to purchase 3 recyclable bins, 2nd by Milton Norcross. All in favor.

Dana Littlefield discussed training next week is the lecture by PSNH.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles discussed a letter from the State saying that we had not submitted our NIFRS reports. He followed up with the State and found out that they changed the method for sending the reports. He adjusted the procedure on the computer and sent all the reports through the end of the year.

Asst Chief Jim Bowles gave an update on inspections:

Home inspection on 146 South Chocorua River Drive for an in home care.

Chocorua Church has a new alarm system.

Harkness House looking to hold classes there, met with Rick Canfield to review.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles mentioned we need to decide what we need for accountability tags so that we can give the information to the OVMA, so they can place an order.

Asst. Chief Jim Bowles discussed the Junior Firefighter program. He mentioned that other departments have a Junior Firefighter program and not an Explorer program. Motion to reinstate a Junior Firefighter Program (ages 14 & up) and to set up guidelines for the program. Motion made by Dana Littlefield, 2nd by John Hartley. All in favor.

Capt. Diane K. Bowles talked about Fire Prevention at the K.A. Brett School. She mentioned that she is incorporating educational skills into being a Firefighter and will be looking for help from some members during the last week in April.

Non-Public: None

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 21:58 made by Dana Littlefield. Seconded by Harry Remick. All in favor.

Submitted Respectfully by Dana Littlefield 04/07/11