

# TAMWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Board of Firewards Meeting

**December 3, 2009**

**Firewards present:** D.A.Bowles, M. Norcross, D. Littlefield, H. Remick

**Firefighters present:** Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. D.K. Bowles, FF J. Tavares, Capt. D. Teryek, Rescue Luci Bellen, Rescue Capt. Chris Roinson, FF J. Harris Jr., FF D. Baril, ,FF E. LaPete, FF S. Finman, FF M. Baumann, FF K. Eldridge.

**Public Present:** None

### **Meeting Opened at 19:41**

#### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting were accepted as amended by H. Remick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Norcross. All in favor.

#### **Old Business:**

D.A. Bowles mentioned that we have taken possession of the new 6E4 and it is currently parked at his house. Every driver except Capt. D. Teryek and Capt. J. Hartley have been signed of to drive it. Radio was removed from 6Car1 and installed in 6E4 by FF J. Tavares, FF M. Baumann, FF E. LaPete and J. Bellen. Miscellaneous parts equipment are in and need to be put on the truck.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles mentioned there would be a work detail on Saturday to take 6E3 out of service and put 6E4 in service. Repairs will be done to 6E3 at J. Hartley's shop before replacing 6E5 (old 6E4).

Capt. D. Teryek mentioned he half way through inventorying equipment, hopes to get a little more done on Saturday.

D. Bowles said that Bruce Robinson may be able to clean out the Kelley Hydrant on Sunday.

D. Littlefield mentioned that the new TNT rescue tools may or may not be in on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> depending on whether or not all the equipment come in. He will keep everyone posted.

#### **New Business:**

D. Littlefield asked about the need to repair the Chocorua Station floor and if this is something that should be put into the CIP. Asst. J. Bowles discussed that it should not take a huge expense to make the repair.

Asst. J. Bowles discussed that the he filled out the CIP and submitted it back to the committee.

D. Littlefield mentioned that training this month will be Drafting and Line Deployment time trials at the S. Tamworth station. Discussion ensued.

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D. Littlefield asked if the KA Brett School was going to be inspected anytime soon. Asst. J. Bowles mentioned he spoke with the principal and stated that we would like to wait until Chief Colcord returns.

D. Littlefield brought up the article that was in The Conway Daily Sun, "Tamworth firefighters blazing mad at town gun ban". Capt. D. Teryek stated that he feels this is poor PR for the department and doesn't feel it appropriately reflects the department. Discussion ensued.

M. Norcross discussed as to why the TCNA has a new Minitor IV. It was felt that it belongs to the department and should be returned. Asst. J. Bowles said he felt that Chief Colcord should be the one to ask for its return.

M. Norcross asked if parts for 6F2 had come in. Asst. Chief J. Bowles said no and M. Norcross said his budget was closed for the year. Discussion ensued. Asst. J. Bowles discussed at length the thought of converting it from 24V to 12V. Repairs will have to be made on next year's budget.

D. Littlefield asked about hands free headset and mic for 6F3. Discussion ensued and it was decided that W. Ossipee FD found one that works. D. Littlefield will look into it and find info on it.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles mentioned that the insulation in the fuel storage building needs to be redone.

Asst. Chief J. Bowles mentioned that the budget is tight and we should hold off on any expenditures.

Rescue Capt. Chris Robinson asked what the Firewards felt about the thoughts of Chief Colcord being the Rescue Captain. D. Littlefield feels that there is enough work for him to do on the Fire Department side and that he cannot do both. It was a shared feeling of the Firewards that as long as he is Chief and that there is plenty of inspections to be done, that he should not be Rescue Captain also.

Capt. D. Teryek mentioned he would like to see 6H1 role out to all MVAs on Rt.16 as a primary vehicle. Discussion ensued.

D. Littlefield mentioned he would like to see the new rescue tools put onto 6E4 front passenger compartment. Also, discussed thoughts around making 6E4 the response apparatus for Mutual Aid when there is a call for manpower.

D. Bowles requested that we turn off apparatus when it is on scene and not in use.

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment at 21:13 made by D. Littlefield. Seconded by M. Norcross. All in favor.  
Submitted by DL