

# TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

## **Board of Firewards Meeting February 7, 2019**

**Firewards Present:** Jim Bowles, Harry Remick, John Hartley, Shawn Bross

**Members Present:** Chief Richard Colcord, Capt. Diane K. Bowles, Capt. Matt Baumann, Lt. Mike Dow, FF Marsha Colcord, FF Zack Remick, FF Jonathan Baumann

**Public Present:** None.

**Meeting Opened at 19:30 by Chairman Bowles**

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** The Board reviewed the January 3, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes made by J. Hartley, seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

### **Old Business:**

Discussed the Town Office's request that volunteer FF Dana Cullen fill out the same paperwork and go through the same pre-employment screening requirements as full time employees. Chief Colcord advised that this is an issue that will affect all future volunteers so should be discussed and dealt with from a procedural standpoint and not with respect to just one individual. Jim Bowles advised that this issue was discussed with the Selectmen and Local Government Center around 2006 and it was determined that screening and holding volunteers to the Department SOG's rather than the Town's full time employee policies/procedures is in the best interest of the Town. The Board decided that after Town Meeting, when things slowed down, they would ask to meet with the Selectmen to discuss it again.

### **New Business:**

Voted to purchase a gear rack for 6 sets of gear for the Chocorua Station.

Chief Colcord advised that all the maintenance items from last month are fixed except the Central Station generator. This is scheduled for next week.

Discussed the Advisory Budget Committee's recommendation to eliminate the cell phone in the ambulance to save money. It was agreed that it isn't used very much but that it contains key phone numbers that may be used on calls such as hospital numbers and poison control. Chief Colcord advised that the phone is just a flip phone with no data plan. Since the Town operates on a shared/combined minutes plan and the phone is already owned by the Town, eliminating the phone would not save money.

Discussed seeking more grants to help outfit the new truck since much of the equipment was cut from the truck contract in order to save money.

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The Chief and other members were dismissed and the Firewards worked on the Chief's annual personnel evaluation.

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment at 21:58 made by H. Remick. Seconded by S. Bross. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Bowles