

# TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

## **Board of Firewards Meeting September 5, 2019**

**Firewards Present:** Jim Bowles, John Hartley, Zachary Remick, Harry Remick, Dana Littlefield at 19:40

**Members Present:** Capt. Diane Bowles, Capt. Matt Baumann, Chief Richard Colcord at 20:07, FF. Marsha Colcord at 20:30

**Public Present:** Becky Mason (Selectman)

**Meeting Opened at 19:43 by Chairman J. Bowles**

**Minutes:** The Board reviewed the August 15, 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes made by J. Hartley, seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Old Business:**

Sandwich has picked up the old hydraulic rescue tools.

J. Bowles advised he still hasn't contacted Frank Evans to find out how he's doing on the "41".

Discussed getting prices or putting out to bid for painting the wood trim at S. Tamworth Station. It was decided that a list should be made of any similar painting needs at the other stations before getting prices or putting out to bid. Becky Mason advised that per RSA if the work is less than \$5,000 the Department could just get three quotes and not put it out to bid.

The new applicant that lives three miles out of town has not been back so no further action has been taken.

M. Baumann has got one price for lettering 6E5 and Z. Remick is working on one.

Chief Colcord will price out the suction hose, nozzles, and related equipment for 6E5 from two vendors.

### **New Business:**

M. Baumann has researched and gotten a price for the E-Plex equipment/software to re-program the pass doors at the stations. He will double check to make sure the software is compatible with our equipment before Chief Colcord orders it.

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Chief Colcord handed out his first draft budget worksheet and asked the Board to return comments by the training on 9/12/19.

Z. Remick is looking at a micro grant for some equipment.

Discussed the Federal Q mechanical siren that was purchased without Chief Colcord's permission. It was decided to hold onto it to see if the Firemen's Club will purchase it for installation on 6E5.

There was considerable discussion about how Chief Colcord's pay is supposed to work when he is at National Guard duty. It has not been handled consistently in the past. It was decided that this should be discussed with the Board prior to each individual training until it can be clarified in his contract.

The Board acknowledged that the Board of Firewards that was in office at the time Chief Colcord was hired had been five years late in increasing his salary to match the salary of the previous chief once he completed several training courses as promised. They also acknowledged that despite other certifications and training that Chief Colcord has received, he has only received COLA increases to his salary.

6E5 should be ready to be placed in service in about a month.

A reminder discussion was had concerning new tires that are needed for 6E1 and 6E2 before winter. Chief Colcord will get prices from Valdares and Stratham Tire.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Bowles