

TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting February 4, 2021

Firewards Present: Jim Bowles, Harry Remick, John Hartley, Zach Remick

Members Present: Capt. Diane Bowles, Asst. Chief Matt Baumann, FF Marsha Colcord

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:34 by Chairman Bowles

Minutes: The Board reviewed the January 7, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve made by J. Hartley, Second by H. Remick. All in favor.

Public Comment: Adrienne Campbell was present to submit her application, completed background check, and physical. She expressed that she is a nurse and is taking and EMT class and recently moved to Tamworth. She is mostly interested in the medical aspect of the Fire/Rescue Department at this time.

The Board reviewed Adrienne's paperwork and interviewed her before accepting her as a probationary member.

Old Business:

During the meeting M. Baumann texted Kenny about fixing the generator at Central Station and he responded that Chief Colcord had contacted him a while back and that he would get to it soon.

J. Bowles advised that some more junk has been removed from behind S. Tamworth station but there is still a little more to be removed.

New Business:

Z. Remick advised that at the advice of our grant consultant we will just be applying for a grant to replace our SCBA this year. Zach advised that he got J. Bowles' and R. Colcord's comments on the application and will be working to incorporate them tonight and tomorrow. He intends to finalize the application and turn it in to the grant writer tomorrow. The application is due 2/12/21.

M. Baumann advised that the ATV has a new battery.

J. Bowles updated the Board on the forestry truck purchase. He has taken care of several email requests for information and actions required by FEMA and the chassis dealer. We should expect to get a call from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus to review and sign off on the shop drawings within the next two weeks.

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M. Colcord asked how the recent Rescue on White Lake went. J. Bowles, M. Baumann, and D.K. Bowles reviewed the call and overall it went very well. There was also a discussion about the recent multiple hiker rescue call on the Bee Line/Bolles trail. It was noted that this group had started from the Kancamagus Highway. The calling party, who went ahead to call for help ended up on Paugus Road.

M. Baumann advised that he just got a notice that there's a bulletin out on the electrostatic sprayers that were handed out by the State for sanitizing ambulances. *(After the meeting M. Baumann followed up and determined that ours is not in the group that has the problem.)*

Z. Remick advised that he will be having less time to do ambulance supply and drug checks so others are going to need to pitch in and help.

It was discussed that next week's training may be outdoor hiker/skier rescue on one of the trails.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment at 20:28 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bowles, Chairman – Tamworth Board of Firewards