

# TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

## **Board of Firewards Meeting April 1, 2021**

**Firewards Present:** Jim Bowles, Harry Remick

**Members Present:** Capt. Diane Bowles, Asst. Chief Matt Baumann, FF Shawn Blanchette

**Public Present:** None

**Meeting Opened at 19:35 by Chairman Bowles**

**Minutes:** The Board reviewed the March 4, 2021 minutes. There were not enough board members present to take a vote.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Old Business:**

Kenny still has not repaired the generator at Central Station and when M. Baumann texted him at the last meeting he didn't get a response.

H. Remick fixed the leaky faucet in the meeting room and the one in the apparatus bay. He also took a look at the one in the ambulance bay but it needs to be replaced completely. He will get a new one and get it done.

Car 1 has its new radio and the lights were fixed.

### **New Business:**

Lakes Region Fire Apparatus installed the electrical plug on 6E5 so now the hose mule is useable on that truck as well as 6E4.

J. Bowles advised that there is a gallon of Anderol 500 oil for the SCBA compressor under the compressor. It doesn't usually use any between changes but he believes that the service technician that recently fixed it didn't realize that you're supposed to check the oil with the dipstick unscrewed so did not fill it completely. This oil is very specialized and expensive so don't use it for anything else.

With regard to carefully resuming training and maintenance activities, last month's fire training was attended by six members. Practical exercises were performed involving advancing hose lines up ladders and through buildings with SCBA on, pump operations, and refilling SCBA bottles.

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A lot of equipment maintenance was accomplished at last month's business meeting. It's nice to see members showing up and participating. A partial list of accomplishments is: Two chainsaws started and serviced where necessary.

The rotary disc saw was started.

The hydraulic rescue tools from 6E4 were all run.

The foam was topped off on 6E1.

Both portable pumps from 6E5 were exercised and fluids topped off.

Since Firemen's Club fundraising activities are on hold due to Covid 19 we will plan to do more maintenance activities at this month's business meeting as well.

Radios and the Ossipee Valley Mutual Aid new simulcast system:

The new system is partially installed. At this point dispatch is using this system for all calls in all towns. The repeaters that are hitched up at this point are Faraway, Oak Hill, and Tuftonboro Central station. There is grant money left to get Wakefield Hill hitched up. From there the mutual aid will have to pay for A repeater (Trask Mtn.) and C repeater (Nickerson Mtn.) to be put on line at a cost of about \$60,000 each. It was felt that A repeater should be done first but there is a restriction on the lease that stipulates no microwave antennas that will need to be worked around. If anyone is having problems hearing dispatch at a scene, we can ask them to use C repeater but it is not convenient.

J. Bowles advised that at last night's OVMAA Executive Board Meeting it was announced that there will be a FF 1 class in Tuftonboro this spring/summer. Applications will be accepted on the NH Fire Academy website beginning next week.

It was also announced that the monthly OVMAA EMS Division/Huggins Hospital training classes will be starting up again on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 19:00 at the Center Ossipee Fire Station. The subject will be lower extremity injuries.

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment at 20:12 made by H. Remick. Seconded by J. Bowles. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bowles, Chairman – Town of Tamworth Board of Firewards