

# TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

## **Board of Firewards Meeting June 3, 2021**

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

**Members Present:** Capt. Diane Bowles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief M. Baumann

**Public Present:** None

**Meeting Opened at 19:31 by Chairman Bowles**

**Minutes:** The Board reviewed the May 6, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve made by J. Hartley, Second by H. Remick - approved.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Old Business:**

H. Remick has finished the second coat of paint on the trim at Central Station.

### **New Business:**

H. Remick has painted 33 of the hydrants that needed painting. He has also painted the window trim and doors at South Tamworth Station and replaced some rotten wood. He is working on the soffits and eaves at South Tamworth now.

J. Bowles replaced the two old batteries in Forestry 3 with three new batteries and this has cured the starting issue. In addition J. Bowles got rebuild kits and rebuilt the 1.5" and 2.5" discharge valves on Forestry 3 to fix the leaking problem.

J. Bowles picked up a replacement 1" ball valve to replace the one that has a small split on the forestry trailer. *{Note: After the meeting several Firewards and M. Baumann replaced the valve.}*

6E1's pump has been re-packed and vacuum tested. A check valve in the CAFS system cooler was also found to be leaking and was replaced.

6E4's tank gauge has been repaired.

Ten five gallon pails of F500 encapsulator agent have been received and are at S. Tamworth Station next to E2. We now need to drain and flush the Class A foam from 6E2 and start running F500 in it. F500 can be used on Class A fires but will also give us capability to better deal with class B, D, K, and lithium battery fires. There will need to be some training on what concentrations to use for different types of fires. It would also

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be a good idea to do some refresher training on the limitations of our FoamPro systems for Class A foam delivery as well.

Next week's training will likely be related to foam and F500 encapsulator agent use.

Emergency Vehicle Operator Collision Avoidance Safety training is scheduled for the Thursday, August 12, 2021 training night. As a condition of the Federal Grant that we got for the new forestry truck, anyone driving it must have had an Emergency Vehicle Operator type class within the last year.

Lakes Region Fire Apparatus has been sending weekly progress pictures of the new forestry truck construction. They are posted on our Facebook page and also on LRFA's website.

Z. Remick brought up that it might be beneficial to keep the existing Car 1 when the new one is purchased which might be in 2022. It currently has around 75,000 miles and a little surface rust over the right rear tire. It would be used for members who are attending remote training, responding to mutual aid fires, and doing work for the Department. The condition of the vehicle will be assessed to estimate the cost to keep it for this limited use before making a decision.

Based on a recent conversation with a FEMA representative we probably won't get the SCBA grant this year. If this turns out to be the case we will need to purchase some new bottles in order to have approved bottles for members taking classes after December of 2021.

**Adjournment:** Motion for adjournment at 20:30 made by J. Hartley. Seconded by H. Remick. All in favor.

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