

TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting May 4, 2023

Firewards Present: J. Bowles, H. Remick, Z. Remick

Members Present: Chief Richard Colcord, Capt. Diane Bowles, Capt. Dave Cribbie, J Larocque, Jon Baumann, M. Colcord

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:30 by Chairman Bowles

Minutes: The Board reviewed the April 6, 2023 minutes. H. Remick made a motion to accept as amended, seconded by Z. Remick all in favor.

Old Business:

Central Station new rear apparatus door. Chief Colcord and several members got the springs and motor mounted and opener programmed. The project is now complete except for making a small gravel apron outside.

New Business:

Chief found some “gumbie” ice rescue suits for about \$325. This is cheaper than the preferred type of suits. Will hold off on purchasing any suits until later in the year.

Discussed purchasing Paratech strut drivers to go with our struts. Chief Colcord found some for a very good price. Agreed to purchase two of them. Later during the meeting it was found that there’s only one left at that price so ordered it.

Z. Remick advised that the forestry truck grant closeout is complete.

One member of the Department will be participating in a training exercise in Auburn ME this Saturday.

Discussed what to do with the outhouse at South Tamworth station. It was decided that we should get it cleaned and then put it in the auction barn after the Firemen’s Club has their yard sale on May 27th. Jeff Larocque will talk to his boss at Rowell’s Services ref. cleaning it. Jeff will donate his time to do it if the company is ok with him using the equipment.

Chief Colcord has found a 40’x8’x9.5’ high shipping container to use for storing and making training props for \$6150 delivered. It was decided to wait until later in the season to see how much room is available for prop storage in the auction barn after the 5/27/23 yard sale.

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It was agreed to purchase a hose roller with trailer hitch mount and wilderness mount. It was also decided to purchase two Garmin Rino GPS units.

The SCBA and fill station grant has passed the computer scoring, and the peer review stages. It is now in the technical review stage. Should be hearing something in the next few weeks whether we're still in the running or not.

Captain Cribbie reminded the meeting that next Thursday's fire training will be Firefighter Safety & Survival classroom and practical.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment made by Z. Remick at 20:21, seconded by H. Remick, all in favor.

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