

TAMWORTH FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Board of Firewards Meeting August 3, 2023

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

Members Present: Asst. Chief M. Baumann, Capt. D.K. Bowles, Capt. J. Tavares Jr., FF. J. Larocque, FF. S. Riley, FF. Kim Eldridge, Jr. FF. M. Tavares

Public Present: None

Meeting Opened at 19:30 by Chairman Bowles

Minutes: The Board reviewed the July 6, 2023 minutes. J. Hartley made a motion to accept, seconded by Z. Remick, all in favor.

Old Business:

The station SCBA compressor is still not fixed. Since we should find out within the next few days whether or not we're going to be awarded the SCBA grant, it was decided to hold off pushing the repair since it won't make sense to put money into the old compressor if we're going to replace it.

There were three nominations to fill the vacant seat on the Board created by the passing of Harry Remick.

1. J. Hartley nominated J. Tavares Jr.
2. Z. Remick nominated both S. Riley and M. Baumann

Non-Public

J. Bowles moved the Board to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 19:46
Seconded by J. Hartley. All members present voted in the affirmative.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of each of the nominees for the vacant Firewards position and appointed J. Tavares Jr.

J. Bowles moved the Board to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 19:49.
Seconded by J. Hartley. All members present voted in the affirmative.

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New Business

Discussed and worked on a priority list of equipment purchases for the rest of the year. J. Bowles took some notes and will give them to Chief Colcord.

Next Thursday's fire training will be Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.

It was mentioned that the former Pine Tree Power biomass to electricity plant may have been sold again. At the present time it is not generating electricity however there are still many of the same hazards to consider when at the plant.

Z. Remick mentioned that there are system wide ambulance/ambulance personnel shortages so be aware. This lead to a lengthy discussion of various ambulance staffing scenarios which may not meet the contract requirements. Further tracking and documenting will be done by several members.

Adjournment: Motion for adjournment made by J. Hartley at 20:40, seconded by J. Tavares Jr. all in favor.

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