

## Volunteer Incentive Committee Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes, Jan 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Ron Masters.

Present were: Chief Jim Barton, Cal Meyers, Chief David Lockwood, Dan Schnobrich, Gil Hayes, & Ron Masters

Minutes of the meeting of previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by J. Barton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Schnobrich to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed.

The Fire Chiefs presented the data for the quarter ending Dec 30, including officers pay for the quarter. Volunteer incentive expenditures for BBFD were \$20,588 as reported by Chief Lockwood. Chief Barton told the committee that expenditures for the WPFD were \$17,030 for the quarter. This brings the total for the first half of the current fiscal year to \$77,877. This amount is about \$12,000 less than half of the yearly incentive budget.

R. Masters reported that he had met with 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Denise Sabotka regarding the revised volunteer incentive program and that it will be in effect as of Jan.1 2010. The committee discussed the implementation of the revised program and both Chiefs indicated that they felt that proper controls were in place to insure that the program was not being abused.

Masters also reported that a zero increase budget of \$180,000 was submitted to the Board of Selectmen for the coming fiscal year.

Both chiefs said that manpower status in both departments was fairly stable with some new people replacing some who have left for various reasons.

Chief Barton told the committee that Michael Balf was extremely disappointed in being removed from the volunteer incentive committee, especially since he didn't receive notification of it or some mention of thanks for his service on the committee.

The next meeting scheduled for April 26, 2010 at the BBFD.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Masters