

## Board of Fire Wards

January 25, 2016

Fire Wards present at the meeting: Chief MacDonald, Wayne Blassberg, Dale Smith, Dick Moody, Scott Hunter, Cliff Plourde, and Dan Teague

Item 1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with a clarification.

Item 2. Chief MacDonald discussed concern regarding the warrant article to be put before the town for vote "for the appropriation of \$19,500. for the purpose of fire station planning, designing and engineering."

Following discussion, the Board agreed that the warrant article should include that the monies will allow for three estimates, for raising and rebuilding on the current site, renovating the current station and the construction of a new fire station to be located on Route 13.

Chief MacDonald will present and submit in writing the amended warrant article and explanation at the deliberative session.

Item 3. Scott Hunter was presented with a retirement plaque thanking him for his service and for his "encouraging strategy of making a negative situation into a positive one". Scott is retiring as an active member of the department following his 16+ years of service. The Board thanked Scott for his service and dedication.

Item 4. Chief MacDonald will invite Pete Zamachai to the next meeting for an update on EMS billing.

## Roundtable

Wayne Blassberg- representing the building committee - updated the Board with a preliminary proposed spec for a new fire station drawn by Roger Dignard. Wayne will send out a copy to each Fire Ward.

Wayne noted that alternate energy sources are being considered including solar.

Dale Smith – Dale inquired if there is an ordinance for excessive fire alarm calls at businesses. Dale cited recent numerous calls for fire alarm activations at Rose Meadow Farm. Chief MacDonald noted that there is no ordinance at this time. Scott Hunter suggested that the procedure for an ordinance in New Boston would be to petition the town for a fire alarm ordinance for businesses regarding excessive calls. No action was taken at this time.

Chief MacDonald noted that the ropes have been ordered and delivered.

Dan Teague made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dale Smith. All were in favor.