

February 8, 2016

Board of Fire Wards

Fire Wards present were: Chief MacDonald, Wayne Blassberg, Dale Smith, Scott Hunter, Dick Moody, and Dan Teague (conf call)

Guests: Pete Zamachaj

Ray Shea, Robert Starce

Item 1. Ray Shea spoke to the Board representing Robert Starce Homes, LLC regarding the proposed installation of a cistern on the 8 lot subdivision located at Joe English Rd and McCurdy Rd; Map 11/Lot 112-5. Ray Shea noted that the cistern would be a 30,000 gallon Michie cistern. Following discussion, Scott Hunter made a motion to approve the proposed location of the cistern pending the approval of town engineer, Kevin Leonard and the 50 yr guarantee for the Michie cistern. The motion was seconded by Dick Moody. All were in favor.

Item 2. Pete Zamachaj presented a review of the 2015 billing status for EMS services. Discussion followed regarding consideration for increase. The Board would like additional information before making a decision. Pete also discussed the current situation with those patients who have Anthem insurance. Anthem pays the patient directly for EMS services which are then supposed to be paid to the provider. In numerous cases the funds are not paid to the provider. The Board agreed that this is not a legal procedure and that collection of payment should be pursued. Dale Smith made a motion – If a patient is paid through insurance for a service provided than payment should be pursued. After sending the patient 4 bills the patient will be sent a formal letter on fire dept letterhead stating that if the account remains unpaid, it will be turned over to the collection dept. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.

Item 3. Dale Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as read. The motion was seconded by Dan Teague. All were in favor.

Item 4. The Planning Board has requested a rational for town water supply for reference. Chief MacDonald noted that there was a Master Plan that the Board had developed for water supply throughout the town already. Wayne will bring a copy of the master plan as proposed by the Board to the next meeting for review before forwarding it on to the Planning Board.

Roundtable

Wayne Blassberg updated the Board on progress of the building committee. Wayne noted that there is now a blog regarding the proposed new fire station which was put together by Amy Welch. Wayne provided the current list of prioritized problems with the current station as it stands for review.

Scott Hunter reported on an estimate for a sprinkler system from Carter Sprinklers for the new station - \$193,000.

Dan Teague – Dan expressed his concern regarding the relocation of a new station. Dan Teague and Dale Smith agreed to present to the Board a proposal for expanding the present station to meet the safety requirements and space issues using the current land foot print. Wayne Blassberg and Scott Hunter of the building committee welcomed their input

Dick Moody – Dick proposed that a floor mat be purchased for the bottom of the stairs to catch some of the dirt and sand.

Wayne Blassberg made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Scott Hunter. All were in favor.