

Board of Fire Wards

March 21, 2016

Fire Wards present at the meeting were: Chief MacDonald, Wayne Blassberg, Dick Moody, Dale Smith and Scott Hunter.

Item 1. The Board reviewed the applications for 2 recruits and 1 member for NBFD membership. All of the information was not complete on the applications. The Board will accept the applicants for membership at the April business meeting pending clarification and completion of the applications

Item 2. The Board discussed the application process. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Dept should pay for the physical and the applicant should pay for the criminal check and DMV report (approx \$65.). – This cost would be reimbursed after the 6 month probation period.*it was noted that if there is a financial burden, the cost to the applicant could be waived by the Chief.

Item 3. Chief asked if any questions on default budget. Dale Smith asked for clarification.

Item 4. Chief noted that the FEMA grant for the tanker was not granted. The grant for SCBA's is still in committee.

Item 5. Chief noted that improvements to the station have been put on hold awaiting the town meeting results but will now need to be addressed at some level. Discussion followed.

Item 6. Wayne Blassberg made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Hunter. All in favor.

Roundtable

Wayne Blassberg noted that the building committee has decided to move forward with fire station planning. The committee will work with volunteer professionals to get the best estimates regarding renovations or a new building that they can. Wayne has scheduled a meeting with the town building inspector regarding the structural integrity of the current station in regard to an addition.

Dale Smith noted that his proposal for a design using the present station should be prepared in two weeks.

Scott Hunter suggested that the door bell on the station be checked to be sure it's in working order or door left open to make meetings accessible

Scott will be conducting a Cancer Awareness program at Bedford High School on April 14. Firefighters are encouraged to attend.

Dale Smith suggested that the Chief provide an agenda before each meeting. Dale also suggested that hours of inspector, administration and Chief be available for review.