

Board of Fire Wards

October 9, 2017

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

Guest: Kaleb Jacob

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: Chief MacDonald asked Mr. Jacob if he had any questions or concerns. He did not.

Old Business: The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting. Scott Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Wayne Blassberg. All were in favor.

New Business: Chief MacDonald led the work session on the proposed budget for 2018. Line items were discussed and edited. Final figures were not available for utilities but will be revised when received from the town office.

Other Business:

Fire Chief Report: Chief MacDonald noted that the Tanker 1 committee is still at work with a proposal which will be presented to the Board before going out for competitive bid.

Chief MacDonald noted that the CIP plan will be presented to the finance committee Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30pm

Scott Hunter gave an update on the Planning Board meeting with the Board of Fire Wards regarding cistern regulations and water supply in New Boston. Wayne Blassberg commented on the thorough and professional presentation that Scott gave to the Planning Board regarding cisterns. Scott noted that the Planning Board offered to work with the Board in regard to proposals for water supply in dry areas of town. Chief MacDonald will set up a meeting with Scott Hunter, Joe Segien and Planning Board.

Chief MacDonald noted that he will be meeting with FEMA in regard to the SCBA grant.

Chief MacDonald noted that vendors will be displaying Jaws On October 28.

Chief MacDonald noted that the Solar Training Event was very successful. Fifteen departments/groups were represented.

Roundtable:

Wayne Blassberg – Wayne noted that the Plymovent exhaust system for the fire station is the least expensive so far.

Scott Hunter- Scott reviewed his research regarding cistern regulations and inquired how far back the minutes of Board of Fire Ward meetings are on file. Marie will check with the town office.

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