

Board of Fire Wards

December 11, 2017

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

Guests: Karen Scott, Bill McFadden, Kaleb Jacob and Nbfd Captain Brandon Merron

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

The Board read the minutes of the last meeting. Karen Scott noted that she was present at the last meeting but wasn't noted as guest. Dick Moody made a motion to accept the minutes as read with the addition. The motion was seconded by Dale Smith. All were in favor.

Captain Merron gave an informative slide presentation to the Board comparing the vendors that the Jaws of Life committee worked with. The committee recommended the Hurst Jaws of Life. The cost - \$34,366. Following discussion, Scott Hunter made a motion to purchase the Hurst Jaws of Life tool as recommended by the committee. -Jaws of Life Committee: Captain Brandon Merron, Captain Joe Segien, Captain Mike Boyle, Emmett Plourde, Rich Little, Rick Todd, Jim Waller, and Kyle Merron.

Fire chief report: Chief MacDonald reported on the Budget meeting. He noted that there is a 25% increase in workman's comp cost.

Tanker 1 Committee has received all bids and will be reporting their recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

The Chief is currently working on the SCBA Grant.

Roundtable

Chief MacDonald congratulated fire ward Scott Hunter on his promotion – BFD Deputy Chief Hunter.

Scott received a round of applause from the Board.

Dale Smith revisited the idea of changing the governing process of the department. Instead of having the Fire chief report to the Board of Fire Wards: he would report directly to the Selectman. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.

Request for Non-Public per RSA91-A: 3, 11, (a), (b), (c) Personnel and Legal

Fire Wards discussed a personnel matter.

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