

Board of Fire Wards

January 23, 2017

Board of Fire Wards present: Chief MacDonald, Cliff Plourde, Wayne Blassberg, Scott Hunter, Dick Moody and Dale Smith

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Item 1. The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 9 meeting. Wayne Blassberg made a motion to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Dick Moody. All were in favor.

Item 2. Chief MacDonald noted that the year end budget had been turned into the town office.

Item 3. Chief MacDonald gave an update on the communication site. He noted that improvements are being made on the lock system from the inside.

Item 4. Chief MacDonald noted that the 1999 Ambulance 2 will be going out for bid. Pictures have been taken of the ambulance for advertising of its sale. Bids will be due by February 15, 2017.

Roundtable

Dick Moody commented on the current dispatching. He noted that radio communication is much clearer.

Dick noted that an informational mailing would be beneficial to send out regarding the proposed station. Chief MacDonald noted that the intention to send out a mailing was mentioned at a previous meeting.

Dick noted that he would be willing to donate funds for the mailing. Chief MacDonald felt that the dept should finance the mailing since it will be an informational mailing regarding the dept

Wayne Blassberg updated the Board in regard to the presentation videos on the web pertaining to the proposal for a new station. There are two parts to the presentation. Wayne has updated the second part to the video which contains drawings of the proposed station, costs and the estimated financial impact to the taxpayer.

Scott Hunter suggested that the Board consider whether the breakfast should continue. Scott suggested the Board think about whether the breakfast is a public health hazard - if the

breakfast is cancelled if the station can be used for serving any food i.e.: oyster supper, spaghetti dinner? The discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Two open positions for fire wards for vote at town meeting – Scott Hunter and Wayne Blassberg

There will be a presentation held at the library concerning cancer risks for firefighters on Wednesday , Jan 25 at 7pm

There will be an open house held at the fire station on Saturday, Jan 28 – There will be information available regarding the proposed station and the fire station video will be shown.

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