

Board of Fire Wards

March 20, 2017

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

Fire Inspector Eric Dubowik

7 guests

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum- Chief MacDonald asked if there were any issues or concerns. Kaleb Jacob inquired about the possibility of the fire ward minutes being posted on the web. Chief MacDonald noted that the minutes are available at the town office. We will pass on the concern to Laura Bernard at the town office.

1. Eric Dubowik spoke to the Board regarding his proposal to change the current water supply specifications. The proposed specification would be entitled Fire Protection Water Specifications and would address water supply for each individual house being built. The board requested time to look over the proposal in more detail. The proposal will be addressed at the next meeting – April 10.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read for approval. Wayne Blassberg made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Cliff Plourde. All in favor.
3. Chief MacDonald noted that there is still planning going on to move gear into the back bay. Henniker Brewery will be donating shelving to be used.
4. Chief MacDonald noted that the 1999 ambulance was sold to Greenfield for \$20,100. They are very happy with it.
5. Chief MacDonald noted that at the end of the first quarter there has been an average of 1.5 calls per day. At this rate there will be over 500 calls at the end of the year.
6. Chief MacDonald noted that the bond for the fire station did not pass at town meeting. The building committee will take time to evaluate the best way to revisit the proposal. Keeping in mind that the fire station issues have not gone away.

Roundtable

Wayne Blassberg-

Dick Moody-

Scott Hunter- Scott shared information regarding the history of the Fire Chief as a member of the Board of Fire Wards. After research, Scott showed a warrant article from 1964 that read “to see if the town

would vote to increase the number of Fire Wards to seven. Fire wards will elect the Fire Chief or act in relation thereto.”

Dale Smith – Dale referred to the Bulletin article that stated the roof of the station was leaking and he was not aware. Chief MacDonald noted that the roof was not leaking.

Cliff Plourde – Cliff expressed concern regarding the need for additional gear. Cliff referred to a recent fire when there was not gear available for some of the members. Cliff suggested buying additional gear or an extractor. Chief MacDonald noted that there is not availability to purchase an extractor at this time. Chief suggested Cliff consult Rich Little in regard to gear inventory and then come up with a proposal for consideration that would not jeopardize the operating budget.

Wayne Blassberg made the motion to re-elect Dan MacDonald as Fire Chief for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded by Dick Moody. All were in favor.

The Board went into non-public session to consider the nomination of a new member at 8:34pm and reconvened at 8:44pm. It was agreed to accept the nomination of Jacob Borozinski for membership.