



# Town of New Castle, NH

## Approved Firewards Minutes of August 11, 2015 Meeting

Present: Fireward Dennis Dinsmore Chair, Fireward Reg Whitehouse, Fireward Damon Frampton, Bill Stewart, Selectboard.

In Attendance: Dave McGuckin Selectboard, Theresa Golter, Andrew Schulte, Mundy Tarbell, Erin Kelly, Bill Cronin, Mark Wooley, Carl Roediger, Jim Rini, Douglas Voss

The meeting was called to order by Dinsmore at 16:00 hrs. and all joined in with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

A motion was made by Whitehouse to nominate Dinsmore as Chairman, seconded by Frampton. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Whitehouse to approve the draft minutes from the April 10, 2015 meeting with one correction of adding Blanding to the present roster, and May 12, 2015 meeting with two corrections of adding comments from Frampton and McGuckin. Seconded by Frampton. Motion passed.

### Fireward's Report:

1. Whitehouse commented that the Fourth of July Parade was a success and the Barbeque that followed was well received.

### Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Blanding was not in attendance due to performing emergency repairs to Rescue 7  
New Castle Fire Department Monthly Report – July 2015

1. Calls for service in July: 23 Calls for service, year to date: 107
2. Type of calls in July: 9 Medical Aid calls, 3 Fire Alarms, 3 Bicycle Accidents, 3 Mutual Aid to USCG, 1 Broken water pipe in a house, 1 Boat Escort, 1 EMS standby for police incident, 1 un-permitted burn on Leach's Island, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident
3. Average response time: 4.86 minutes.
4. Average # personnel per incident in July: 3.52 and 3.35 YTD.
5. Apparatus responding to incidents:
  - a. Rescue 7 responded to 14 incidents in July and 59 YTD.
  - b. Forestry 1 responded to 4 incidents in July and 20 YTD.
  - c. Engine 1 responded to 0 incidents in July and 3 YTD.
  - d. Engine 4 responded to 5 incidents in July and 20 YTD.
  - e. Hose 1 responded to 0 incidents in July and 1 YTD.
  - f. Marine 2 responded to 1 incident in July and 2 YTD.
6. Training in July: 175 Man Hours. Year to date: 858 Man Hours.
  - a. One member attended a Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support program in Concord.
  - b. One member attended a Threat Assessments in Schools program in Concord.
  - c. Three members attended an Air Medical Operations class at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.
  - d. 22 members participated in a Water Rescue Drill with Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor.
7. Public Outreach Activities in July:
  - a. The department participated in the town 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and cooked for the public.
  - b. Marine 2 participated in the Tall Ships Parade.
8. Mutual Aid Given in July:
  - a. U.S. Coast Guard, 2 Medical Responses and one EMS standby during a training evolution.
9. Budget remaining on 7/23/15:

- a. Fire Department, \$351,074.89, 97.46%
  - b. Emergency Management, \$7,517.00, 100%
10. Staffing:
- a. 2 fulltime paid members and 29 volunteer members.
  - b. New Members:
  - c. Max Riffert, 163 Odiorne Point RD. Portsmouth, NH 03801, Firefighter/EMT
  - d. Zeeba Hasan Qureshi, 52 Main Street, New Castle, NH 03854-0154, EMT Student
11. Areas of Concern: None`

Select Board's Liaison Report: None at this time

- 1. McGuckin was standing in for Stewart and reported that he has met with Chief Blanding to discuss the new requirements for non-emergency Fire hydrant usage for the New Castle water system and the Commons for the Portsmouth water system; a 48 hour notification is required for all water usage. And during the summer weekends there shall be no water usage.
- 2. Stewart wrote and sent letters on behalf of the Town of New Castle, to four new volunteers, thanking them for volunteering with the Fire Department.

Recruiting Efforts Report: None at this time

Unfinished Business: None at this time

New Business:

- 1. The purchase of the LUCAS® Chest Compression System has been made from the 2016 budget and monies raised by the New Castle Volunteer Firefighters Association to purchase the system will be forwarded to the town.

Announcements:

- 1. Open House at the Fire Department will be in October with a date to be determined.

Public Deliberation: None at this time

Upcoming Fireward's Meeting: September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM Town Hall

Fireward Final Comments: None at this time

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 16:15 hours by Whitehouse and seconded by Frampton. The vote was unanimous.

Reggie Whitehouse, Secretary  
New Castle Board of Firewards  
Draft Minutes Submitted: August 18, 2015  
Minutes Approved: October 13, 2015