



Town of New Castle, NH

Board of Firewards

Minutes of February 10, 2015 Meeting

Present: `Chairman Dennis Dinsmore, Fireward Reg Whitehouse, Fireward Damon Frampton, Selectperson Patricia Scholz-Cohen.

In Attendance: Tom Smith, Dave McGuckin, Bill Cronin

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dinsmore at 16:05 hrs.

A motion was made by Whitehouse to approve the draft minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting as written. Seconded by Frampton. Motion passed.

Fireward's Report:

1. Dinsmore started an open discussion regarding the new bridge by Wentworth by the Sea and the need for improved water volume delivered to Wild Rose Lane and the town on New Castle.
2. McGuckin reported that during Thursday night bridge meeting, he stated that the Selectboard, by a majority vote, recommended a fixed bridge design due to cost and water delivery improvements.
3. Whitehouse confirmed that retired Fire Chief White stated that the last jointly conducted flow test for the Rye water line registered 500 gallons per minute (GPM) which is vastly inadequate to supply a 12" main.
4. Cronin stated by NFPA standard GPM charts, a building like the town hall, wooden structure and three floors, with a fully involved fire needs 4,500 GPM and an average small house in New Castle would need 1,000 GPM. Cronin also reported that the Coast Guard representative present at the Thursday meeting will be reporting back to his Commander that the vast majority of New Castle residents are in favor of a bascule bridge as a replacement.
5. Cohen stated that in addition to Thursday's decision for a bascule bridge, New Castle residents also decided by an overwhelming majority for a bascule bridge during April's meeting.

Fire Chief's Report: None at this time

Select Board's Liaison Report:

1. Cohen stated that the Department Heads Meeting was held, without Steve Talbot, and items discussed focused on the potential Town Hall Renovation Project (THRP) and access to the Police and Fire Departments' facilities. Potential relocation of offices for Town Hall employees were discussed and the Recreation Center stage may be an option.
2. Cohen provided several items for future publication by the NCFD in the Island Times.
3. Cohen stated that there was additional time to submit an article on recruiting and Frampton will be submitting an article to the Island Times.

Recruiting Efforts Report: None at this time

1. Frampton asked who is responsible for shoveling fire hydrants in New Castle, and it was stated that the DPW is responsible for hydrants on approved town roads. Hydrants on private roads are the responsibility of the homeowners.

Unfinished Business: None at this time

New Business: None at this time

Announcements:

1. The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 7:30AM to 11:00AM.

Public Deliberation: None at this time

Upcoming Fireward's Meeting

1. March 10, 2015 at the Town Hall, 49 Main Street, New Castle, NH 03854, Macomber Room from 4:00 – 5:00PM

Fireward Final Comments:

1. Dinsmore made a motion to conduct an Executive Meeting for a discussion with Chief Blanding at his behest immediately following the Firewards meeting and seconded by Whitehouse. The vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1648 hours by Frampton and seconded by Whitehouse. The vote was unanimous.

Reggie Whitehouse, Secretary
New Castle Board of Firewards

Draft Minutes Submitted: March 2, 2015
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