

# Board of Fire Wards Town of New Castle, NH

Minutes of 14 January 2014 Meeting

Present: Fire Ward Dennis Dinsmore, Fire Ward Reg Whitehouse, Fire Ward Carl Roediger

In Attendance: Selectperson Lorn Buxton, Chief David Blanding

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dinsmore at 1600 hrs.

A motion was made by Whitehouse to approve the draft minutes from the 10 December 2013 meeting without correction. Seconded by Dinsmore. Motion passed.

## Selectperson Buxton

Water issues in the town are slowly being corrected. A recent break in the line under Back Channel should be repaired by week's end.

Budget preparation has begun. Proposed department budgets are due back to the Selectboard by January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Chief asked Buxton how he might obtain the latest version of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) so that Fire Department items can be verified. Mr. Hughes is the point of contact for the CIP which is ultimately controlled by the Budget Committee.

## Chief's Agenda Items

A drill will be held at the Naval Shipyard for mutual aid responders on 15 January 2014. New Castle will be participating with the engine departing at 0715.

A major flooding incident occurred at 148 Main Street over this past weekend. The property was unoccupied and had recently changed ownership. Neighbors heard water running and upon investigation found the basement crawlspace completely flooded due to a leak on the second floor. The basement was pumped and the water secured.

Department ID cards are being finalized by Captain Blanding. The plan is for the cards to also act as electronic key cards for the building. The plan is for the originally installed building security system be repaired and returned to service.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2014 @ 4:00pm at the New Castle Fire Station. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1640 hrs. by Whitehouse and seconded by Roediger. The vote was unanimous.

Carl F. Roediger, Secretary  
New Castle Board of Fire Wards

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