



Town of New Castle, NH

Approved Minutes of June 9, 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 stated that the NCFD has four (4) paramedic volunteers in the department, which is a rare occurrence and represents an inordinate amount of time and dedication to achieve the paramedic medical classification. Whitehouse suggested that the Firewards write letters of recognition and congratulations to each paramedic.
2. Paramedic Kelly discussed the requirements of obtaining his paramedic status; Thursday classes for two (2) years, 500 hours of clinical experience within a hospital's Emergency Dept., Pediatric Emergency Dept., Cardiac ICU, Operating Room plus 250 hours of ride time with an Emergency Ambulance team. Kelly graduated with honors from the paramedic program.
3. Kelly added that fellow NCFD Firefighter and Paramedic Ryan Chase graduated as Valedictorian of the Class of 2015

Fire Chief's Report:

1. New Castle Fire Department Monthly Report – May 2015
 - Calls for service in May: 8 Calls for service, year to date: 66
 - Type of calls in May: 3 Medical Aid calls, 1 Mutual Aid Drill, 2 Fire Alarms, 1 Check an outside fire, and 1 Mutual Aid Forest Fire
 - Average response time: 6.95 minutes.
 - Average # personnel per incident in May: 3.75 and 3.08 YTD.
 - Apparatus responding to incidents:
 - Rescue 7 responded to 3 incidents in May and 32 YTD.
 - Forestry 1 responded to 2 incidents in May and 14 YTD.
 - Engine 1 responded to 1 incident in May and 2 YTD.
 - Engine 4 responded to 2 incidents in May and 12 YTD.
 - Hose 1 responded to 1 incident in May and 1 YTD.
 - Marine 2 responded to 0 incidents YTD.
 - Training in May: 110 Man Hours. Year to date: 534 Man Hours.
 - Three Members attended the Company Officer's Academy, 4/14/15
 - One Member is attending the Firefighter 2 course at Center Harbor, NH.
 - Public Outreach Activities year to date:
 - NHSPCA Doggie Paddle Plunge, 3/7/15

- Easter Bunny Run, 4/4/15
- Pancake Breakfast, 4/18/15
- Mutual Aid Given year to date:
 - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Submarine Fire Drill, 4/1/15
 - Portsmouth Station Coverage for structure fire, 4/6/15
 - Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Graded Exercise, 5/6/15
 - Ossipee, Forest Fire on Bayle Mountain, 5/9/15
- Budget remaining:
 - Fire Department, \$64,580.40, 21.81%
 - Emergency Medical Services, \$7,022.33, 27.29%
 - Emergency Management, \$5,283.92, 43.89%
- Staffing:
 - 2 fulltime paid members and 23 volunteer members.
 - 7 un-filled volunteer positions.
- Areas of Concern:
 - What effect will all of the negative rhetoric by some town elected officials and employees have on the volunteer workforce of the New Castle Fire Department?

Select Board's Liaison Report: None at this time

1. Stewart spoke about recent conversation complaints from Chief Blanding and Stewart will speak to town employees individually and during the quarterly Safety Meetings held by the Town of New Castle. Stewart also agreed that he would speak to elected officials of the town regarding the same subject.

Recruiting Efforts Report: None at this time

Unfinished Business: None at this time

New Business: None at this time

Announcements:

1. Rice reported that the 4th of July Parade Committee will be subsidizing the NCVFA \$500.00 for the purchase of food and beverages to be provided after the Independence Day, 4th of July Parade. The NCFD will be supplying Engine 4 and Rescue 7 for the parade.
2. Rice stated that the parade will start at 10:30AM and food will be served at 11:30AM.

Public Deliberation:

1. Rice stated that on Monday a new recruit has submitted an application to the NCFD and on Tuesday three additional recruits submitted applications to the department. Two are EMT's and residence of New Castle and Portsmouth and two are firefighters from Portsmouth.
2. Roediger discussed the Bayle Mountain forest fire in Ossipee which was a four day event, consisting of 325 acres and ranks 5th in the state for forest fires. New Castle was asked to assist the Forestry Task Force consisting of 125 firefighters, three helicopters with activity in four sectors.
3. Voss discussed his submittal of a letter to the Selectboard regarding the Monday evening (June 1, 2015) incident attributed to Fireward Frampton. Voss stated his disapproval of Frampton's conduct, lack of professionalism, stating Frampton disgraced the Firewards, requesting Frampton's immediate resignation from the Fireward Committee due to Frampton's inability to provide leadership to the volunteers of the NCFD.

Upcoming Fireward's Meeting: July 14th at 4:00 PM Town Hall

Fireward Final Comments: None at this time

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 16:28 hours by Whitehouse and seconded by Frampton. The vote was unanimous.

Reggie Whitehouse, Secretary
 New Castle Board of Firewards
 Draft Minutes Submitted: June 11, 2015
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