

Sunapee Fire Department  
Board of Engineers  
April 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Daniel Ruggles, Dana Ramspott, Howard Sargent and Mark Scott were present

Also present Tom Blinn, John Galloway, and Steve Marshall

H Sargent made a motion and M Scott seconded to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017 with the following corrections:

- **D Ruggles reported that the tool boards on the Ladder Truck have been repaired.**
- **D Ruggles questioned if the by-laws are a guideline or is it something we follow to the word. H Sargent feels the body of the department should be run by-laws, The reason for the question was because of the recent questions about the structure of the Board of Engineers. D Ruggles brought up that RSA154:1 paragraph d says Fire Chief appoints the members, and in the past we have always included the entire Department on the decision. M Scott feels the Town Manager should contact NHMA and call the State Fire Marshall's Office in order for us to be better prepared to talk about this.**

All in favor.

D Ramspott made a motion to accept non public minutes of March 20, 2017 and was seconded by H Sargent with the exception of a name that needed a spelling correction. All in favor.

D Ruggles reported on the following:

Mass Casualty training will be May 6<sup>th</sup> and the training for April 25<sup>th</sup> will be conducted by Reeds Trucking. They will bring a truck with them and demonstrate how they use wreckers in a mass casualty situation.

Congratulations was expressed to Betty Ramspott who received the Citizens of the Year from the Fire Department.

The monthly meeting and elections will take place at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting along with truck checks except for the Tanker and Engine 3.

We have received a quote on hose testing of \$3,000. All agreed this was a reasonable amount.

The Ladder Truck will be scheduled for testing this year.

We have secured a company to do online training at the cost of \$99 per person. D Ruggles explained this is very good for EMS Training some members prefer online. At this point there are about 10 people interested. We can also do specialty classes and put them on the overhead.

All are invited to Harrassment Training on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm at the Town Office.

D Ruggles noted that he received an email from the Town Manager asking if we would be interested in having cameras at the Safety Service Building Meeting Room to broadcast public meetings. The cost range is \$500 - \$700 and would come out of Safety Services Building's budget. The Engineers felt this was a very good idea. D Ruggles will follow up.

D Ruggles contacted the Fire Marshall Office inquiring if they knew what New Hampshire Towns have a Board of Engineers. They could not help us with that but the Fire Standards and Training Board are checking into this for us. It was noted that the Town of New Boston is set up similar to us and they have procedures in place and SOG but do not have by-laws. H Sargent noted that some of these Departments are full time therefore would not be a good comparassion

A discussion of closing the Georges Mills Station took place. H Sargent stated that he is not prepared to make a deicison about this at this time. He wants to discuss this with more individuals and he needs to see the benefit of doing this. D Ruggles stated he believes with the lack of man power from there it is time to close it. He went on to say that we need two people to roll Engine 3 and presently we only have one person who responds. D Ruggles reported that the insurance cost will not change whether the station stays active or used just for storage. M Scott said if we are thinking about closing station we need to think about the personnel from there. M Scott asked about the liability of rolling the apparatus with only of one person as Engine 1 and Engine 3 similar pieces of apparatus. H Sargent felt that the issue with rolling a piece of appartus with one person was only a problem when we were taking a piece out of town. H Sargent we need to cover all basis before we close the door. J Galloway wanted to know where the rule is that states we need two people to roll a truck. J Galloway questioned why is it ok to run one person from Main Station and not one person from Georges Mills. M Scott stated that side of town is more rural than other parts of town. There was a brief discussion if it should be in the SOG's about responding with more than one person. B Palmer offered the suggestion of recruitment of personnel not closure of a Station, and make this a positive move rather than a negative. S Marshall asked if we could do a recruitment letter and mail to all Georges Mills Post Office Boxes. H Sargent reminded everyone that we have sent out recruitment letters in the past and it was not successful but we try it again. S Marshall believes that some personnel feel only Georges Mills personnel can take Engine 3 which is not the case. H Sargent stated this not a decision we should be making tonight, it is something that needs more research.

D Ramspott asked about about dry hydrant at Fieldstone Drive. D Ruggles stated we need to get some people together and get it fixed.

D Ramspott asked if we planned to repair the Forestry Unit with the nonpassage of truck article. D Ruggles state he had plans to have it repaired.

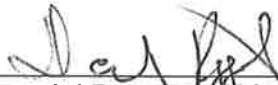
H Sargent asked about speaking to another welder to perform the work on the dry hydrant on Jobs Creek. All agreed this was a good idea.

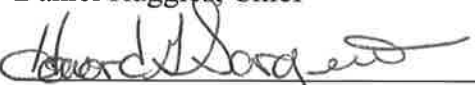
M Scott said he will probably not make the May 6<sup>th</sup> training.


Per RSA 91-A:3 II(a) D Ramspott made a motion and it was seconded by M Scott to go into non-public session at 7:33pm. All in favor.


M Scott made a motion and D Ramspott seconded to return to public session at 7:40pm. All in favor.

M Scott made a motion and it was seconded by H Sargent to adjourn at 7:41pm.

  
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Daniel Ruggles, Chief

  
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Howard Sargent, Deputy Chief

  
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Dana Ramspott, Deputy Chief

  
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Mark Scott, Deputy Chief

