

**Sunapee Fire Department
Board of Engineers
November 20, 2017**

Present were: Dan Ruggles, Dana Ramspott, Howard Sargent and Mark Scott

Also present Steve Marshall

D Ruggles called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

H Sargent made a motion and M Scott seconded to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017.

D Ruggles commented on the following:

- The all-day budget session went well, and the ABC Committee will continue to meet to finalize the budget.
- All pump tests are complete and all passed.
- Durgin & Crowell Pellet Mill tour went well and it was noted that most of the hazards associated with the Mill are outside.
- Dispatch charges have decreased and we have not heard from New London Ambulance.

D Ramspott asked if the Fire Department would be asking for anything additional beyond the budget. D Ruggles replied yes a Utility/Forestry for \$125,000 and \$115,000 for our capital reserve.

D Ruggles received one example for the warrant articles to change the organization of department from New London and sees our looking much like theirs with the exception of the paragraph reference which should be d rather than e. S Marshall questioned if the number would be in the article.

D Ruggles distributed the Standard Operating Guidelines. These are came from the Town Handbook and have been modified for the Sunapee Fire Department. M Scott asked if the Town Manager has examined this, and it was determined she had not. All were in agreement that she should before it goes to the body of the Fire Department.

D Ruggles said there is some confusion about the Hose Testing Report. As he reads the NFPA Standards Rules they say two different things and totally contradict themselves. Code 4.8.1 reads "Hose manufactured prior to July 1987 to meet the requirements of the 1979 and previous editions of NFPA 196, Standards on Fire Hose shall be removed from service." Code 4.12 Fire Hose Replacement reads Fire hose users and the authority having jurisdiction shall establish a replacement schedule for their fire hose that takes into consideration the use and age of the hose

and testing results. H Sargent indicated that last month we talked about single jacket vs double jacket and feels we should move forward with a replacement plan, which was the consensus of the Board of Engineers. D Ruggles passed out several different hoses to choose from and the differences were noted.

D Ruggles was contacted about concerns with the victory parades after sporting events. Some issues need to be worked out with the School Board. H Sargent questioned how we can control cars that follow the Fire Apparatus when some are not even in the parade. M Scott feels there should also be a police presence. D Ruggles stated if things do not change there will be no more victory parades.

D Ruggles has been approached by the Sunapee Police Department about participating in a sendoff for a student going for his last chemo treatment on November 28, 2017. We will try to have representation.

H Sargent would like to thank the Sunapee Fire Department and Sunapee Police Department for their response during recent rain & wind event.

M Scott stated the monthly meeting training will be blood borne pathogen. At the next Officers Meeting planning will begin for 2018.

Steve Marshal indicated he has been working on the grant, and will deliver to D Ruggles when completed.

Steve Marshall also reported that the Patch Project is progressing.

D Ramspott made a motion and M Scott seconded to adjourn at 7:34pm.



Daniel Ruggles, Chief



Dana Ramspott, Deputy Chief



Howard Sargent, Deputy Chief



Mark Scott, Deputy Chief