

**Board of Firewards  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

The meeting took place at the Fire House. The minutes of the November meeting were accepted. In attendance were: Steve Ensign, Pete Lauridsen, Karen Hoglund, and Doug Lyon, Chief: Jason Lyon, and Clerk: Amy Lyon. Absent: John Ryan.

**Items for Discussion:** Last year the NLFD responded to 870 calls, which is 60 calls more than the department's greatest number in 2008, which was when one of the ice storms took place. The cold weather at the beginning of this year has been a catalyst for predictable sorts of calls – broken pipes, flooded basements, structure fires, etc. Because of this, the NLFD has responded to 70 calls in just the last three weeks. Chief Lyon showed video footage to share details and sequencing of what took place during the Durgin and Crowell planar mill fire. He also showed photos of the Otter Pond cottage fire that happened a week prior.

After review of the Selectman's budget, the Budget Committee decided it was unnecessary to hold more meetings through the winter, as they had done such a thorough job. The public budget hearing will be on Wednesday, Feb. 7. There will be an additional meeting between the Selectboard and the Budget Committee on Wed., the 31, to discuss the \$500,000 proposed bond for future land acquisition so there's a new site for the Police Department. All line items that pertain to the NLFD were accepted.

During the Durgin and Crowell fire many apparatus had freeze-up issues. Jay discussed a problem that took place with Tanker.

The new Engine/Tanker, which was ordered last August, will most likely be delivered at the end of May. The manufacturer in NY will post photos as production progresses.

There are currently 60 solar panel arrays in the Town of New London. There are codes and standards that advise of best practices for how to install such panels so that firefighters are able to ventilate the roof during a fire. House Bill 168 would have adopted NFPA1 (2015 addition), however because it didn't pass, Chief Lyon is working with the Planning Board to create local ordinance so that firefighters will be safe while working on rooftops with installed solar panels.

Chief Lyon also discussed SB 55, which would take away arresting powers of Fire Marshalls Office.

Ballot voting will take place for New London on Tuesday, March 13, Town Meeting will take place on Wednesday, the 14, and Thursday's Child at NL Inn benefitting NLFD is the next night.

Approval has been obtained from DOT to replace the lights in front of the station. It would be solar powered and a control box that would be used with remote controls from each piece of apparatus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Lyon, Clerk