

**Board of Firewards  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2017**

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

**Items for Discussion:** In 2016, members of the NLFD responded to 743 calls, of which 151 were general alarms. Details of one structure fire that took place in New London in December were shared. It was noted that the members who attended did an speedy and thorough job, whether they were New London's or from mutual aid towns. Early notification played an important role in this particular incident, as the fire started in the basement and the residents were asleep on the second floor.

A group consisting of Selectwoman Kidder, Chief Anderson, and Chief Lyon, has visited surrounding communities (Sunapee, Croydon, Wilmot, Sutton, and Newbury) with a progress update and future phases of the radio system through NL Dispatch. Phase 3 still needs to be completed and the estimated cost to do so is \$100,000. As of yet, no further solicitation has taken place to get help with defraying that cost. All towns were appreciative of what's taken place in terms of improvement thus far. However, two common themes that arose were the concern for increased training for current personnel, specific to certain agencies, and making sure the equipment remains up to date, so as to avoid the need for finding out-of-date parts to fix it.

The budget and CIP process is progressing well. The plan to acquire the engine/tanker in 2018 still needs the approval of the Budget Committee and will then be brought to the Town at the annual Town Meeting for final approval. Chairman Helm of the Selectboard suggested cutting the Capitol Reserve for fire apparatus to \$75,000 from the proposed \$120,000 in FY 2019. Future ramifications of this decision need to be examined. This year the SCBA and radio replacement reserve accounts will not be funded, with the understanding that those funds will be doubled the next year.

The truck committee has completed their 'spec list' the new engine/tanker, and are now in 'limbo' until after the Town Meeting vote. Once that takes place, they will meet with manufacturers again to verify specifications and a decision will be made as to which company will receive the bid.

There will be a Selectboard meeting tonight that will include discussion regarding employment health insurance plans. Historically, it's been prudent to strike a balance between decent coverage and reasonable prices. Chief Lyon thinks this meeting will be well-attended because there are always concerns by employees when changes in health care are considered.

A motion was made by Doug Lyon and seconded by John Ryan, as per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to go into non-public session. Roll was called to approve the motion and it passed. The Board entered into the session at 5:00 pm.

John Ryan made a motion to return to public session, which was seconded by Doug Lyon. The motion passed and the Board returned to public session at 5:40 pm. A motion was also made and seconded to seal the minutes from the non-public portion of the meeting. The motion passed.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Lyon, Clerk