

**Board of Firewards  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 30, 2018**

The meeting took place at the Fire House starting at 4:35 pm. The minutes of the August meeting were accepted. In attendance were: Steve Ensign, Karen Hoglund, Pete Lauridsen, John Ryan, and Doug Lyon, and Chief Jason Lyon.

**Discussion Items:**

Year-to-date calls now exceed 700, with general alarms running just under 100. The number of weather-related accidents on I-89 has now begun to increase, along with a recent up-tick in the number of medical-related assistance calls. The company roster currently stands at 44, which includes a few newer members who are now receiving in-house training. In addition, there was a recent training exercise held in Warner to which the NLFD responded as part of a Mutual Aid practice.

Engine 1 has now been fully outfitted and is “in service” as a responding piece of equipment. There was an initial problem with the light tower, which has been fixed. Training continues as planned.

Early planning for the replacement of Engine 2 in 2021 will focus on replicating what the current engine has to offer, but with improved functionality. A dedicated Truck Committee has not yet been formed.

The 2020 budget cycle is underway and the department’s budget request has been recently presented to a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee members. There was some discussion regarding what source of funding might best be used for the new exhaust system and HVAC for the training room. The issue of the signal light is currently on hold.

Events: Halloween at the Fire House last Friday night went well, with no issues reported. This year’s Pay Night Dinner is set to be held on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> (weather permitting) with Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> as the alternate date.

General comment: It was noted that many members of the department (Gena Edmunds, for example) go above and beyond when it comes to assisting individuals who suddenly find themselves in need. Clearly, this is a department that stresses the importance of interaction with the public.

Next meeting: Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (if necessary), followed by Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Adjournment at 5:25 pm.

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