

**Board of Firewards
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

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

Items for Discussion: The latest storm event contributed just over 60 calls out of the 122 calls for the month of October. Year to date, the NLFD has responded to 743 total calls, of which 121 have been general alarms. The average number of general alarms usually falls somewhere between 160-180. During the last storm there were 19 roads closed in New London, and many residents who live on the periphery were without power multiple days. There were various carbon monoxide issues due to improper use of portable generators during the latest outage. Chief Lyon is submitting a Public Service Announcement on the proper use of generators for this month's Municipal Matters.

Corey Bartlett, Tom Pelletier and Gena Edmunds taught most of fire prevention classes during October. More than 500 students participated again this year.

The joint meetings of the Selectboard and Budget Committee are progressing nicely. After their review, the Selectmen will turn the proposed town budget over to the Budget Committee by mid-December.

The repairs to the firehouse are nearly complete. Kearsarge Property Maintenance has done an outstanding job replacing all of the trim, some windows and siding, and two exterior doors. There were multiple unforeseen repairs such as some sheathing on the backside of the building needing to be replaced due to water damage. The decision was made to stay with the current lock entry system as the key fob/card system would cost more than \$12,000 to install.

Pay Night Dinner will be December 4th this year. It begins at 5:30.

Corey Bartlett's evaluation was completed by the Chief, and due to his positive rankings, he will be recommended to come off probationary status. He is now in the process of buying a house in the area, and he will be voted upon by the company at this month's meeting. Chief Fireward Ensign signed-off on the evaluation and it was submitted to the Town Office. Corey will receive another evaluation in six months.

There were questions as to if we would consider another live-in member after Tom graduates. The answer was in the affirmative if the right person applies.

Chief Fireward Ensign referred to an ad in the Valley News about "FirstNet." Chief Lyon explained what FirstNet was and how it would benefit first responders. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 18th, but may be moved to Tuesday, January 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lyon, Clerk