

**Board of Firewards
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 2018**

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

Items for Discussion: Chief Lyon showed and explained photos of the production process thus far of the new engine/tanker. The completion date is estimated to be at the end of June. Tools and equipment for the new apparatus will be ordered soon.

- So far, the NLFD has responded to 343 calls and eight of those were within the last two days. 59 of those have been general alarms. We're about 20 calls up at this point compared to last year. Currently, brush fires are the biggest concern. Details were given about the carbon monoxide call that took place on Lake Shore Rd. A faulty boiler in a house under construction was the source of mega-doses of CO (2,000+ ppm) that caused three workers to receive medical treatment from various hospitals.
- Tom Peltier, our live-in firefighter for three years, just graduated from Lakes Region Community College. He spoke personally to Steve to thank him for giving him the opportunity to be the first. He has since moved out of the firehouse to a home in Sunapee and was also voted as one of our lieutenants. Quinn Miller is a member of the NLFD right now, and has been accepted as a student at Lakes Region CC for the fall. He wrote a letter to the Board requesting that he be the next live-in student firefighter. It's understood by all parties that a procedure is in place for making sure responsibilities are met. Doug Lyon made a motion to accept Quinn Miller's request. It was seconded and passed. He will be invited to the next meeting to be introduced to the Board.
- Corey Bartlett has just completed his first year. Chief Lyon spoke highly about his positive attitude, interaction with the membership, and public relations.
- An update was given about the emergency stoplight outside the station. Because of the length of time it's taken to get this approved and funded, the Chief is starting over because those he's been working with are all moving on to other opportunities. His main concern is the safety of our members and apparatus.
- Chief Lyon is planning for extensive training when the new engine/tanker arrives.
- The NLFD is in good shape in regards to the fiscal 2018 budget. Radios, purchased through the capital reserve funds, are now at Ossipee Mountain Electronics getting programmed.

- Chief Lyon is creating the fiscal year 2020 budget and will get a draft to the Board for their next meeting. Then it will be submitted to the Town Administrator in September.
- A solicitation letter from the Firefighters' Association will be written for the purpose of raising funds to help pay for a thermal imaging camera for the new truck, a 60hp motor for the rescue boat, and a new Jaws of Life piece of equipment to keep updated with the new vehicle construction. The goal would be to raise approximately \$35,000.
- Chief Lyon spoke about an upcoming regional training in November that will focus on the differences that have become evident in the fire service regarding various 'generations' learning to work together. He sees similar issues in surrounding towns that the NLFD faced in the 90's in terms of membership, or lack thereof. Recruitment and retention will continue to be a challenge in the fire service and one that the Chief will be cognizant of in order to maintain adequate staffing.
- The next meeting has been tentatively set for July 31st.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lyon, Clerk