

**Board of Firewards
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, July 31, 2018**

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

Items for Discussion: The NLFD has responded to nearly 500 calls at this point in the year, which is comparable to last. We dodged some hearty storms, which has helped to keep numbers down. Chief Lyon spoke about a worker at a house on Pleasant Lake who had fallen down an elevator shaft and was subsequently airlifted to Hitchcock.

John Cannon, Glenn Lohman, and Chief Lyon drove to Buffalo to inspect the new Engine/Tanker progress thus far. It was test driven, holds 1,500 gallons of water, and some suggested corrections were made so that it meets all our needs. Because the E-One is short workers, it's taking longer to finish than expected.

Ladder-3 was driven to Maine for its annual servicing, which included ladder and pump testing, as well as having some minor repairs addressed. Tanker-1 also went to Newport for service yesterday. Although it has low mileage, because of its age, the head gasket needed replacing.

Chief Lyon passed out the proposed FY 2020 budget to the Board. The budget is due to the Town Administrator by September 10th, and Fire and Police Departments will present their budgets to the Selectboard and Budget Committee on October 15th. Chief Lyon explained the proposed operating budget and pointed out several line items that had increases. Other expenditures discussed were building maintenance, which included expansion of the vehicle exhaust system, a wall-mounted air conditioner/heating unit, and an emergency signal light. There have been safety concerns regarding both the installation of a new light, because of the wiring issues, and recent traffic behavior where people have driven around backing apparatus. Any questions and/or recommendations from the Board can be directed to Chief Lyon prior to the next meeting.

Saturday, August 3rd, is the NLFD's Open House from 10-1. Hopefully the new truck will be here so the public can see it.

The Hospital Development plan is on its way, however there are more approvals (wetlands, sewer, etc.) to obtain before the final Planning Board hearing. Doug had visual plans to share. There was discussion about fire hydrants, whether or not to have sidewalks installed, as well as proposed fire alarms and sprinkler systems. Other future developments were mentioned.

A non-resident tax payers' meeting will be blended with the regular Selectboard meeting next Monday, August 6th at 6:00.

The summer solicitation letter was mailed to the New London residents.

Steve reminded everyone that Chief Lyon is due for a review, and therefore the next meeting will most likely move into non-public session after the regular meeting.

More discussion took place on the Hospital Housing Development plan.

The next meeting was schedule for Monday, August 27th.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lyon, Clerk