

**Board of Firewards
Minutes of Meeting
August 27, 2018**

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

Items for Discussion: The year-to-date number of calls for the NLFD is 587. Chief Lyon described a fire that involved a paper filter in an H-Vac system at a house on Lakeshore Rd. The cause was undetermined. He also shared how members of Sutton's and New London's fire departments were able to rescue a horse from a stream behind Lake Sunapee Country Club.

The Tanker has been repaired and is in good working order.

The new Engine/Tanker is in VT and is having the on-spot chains installed today. It should be delivered to New London by then end of the week.

The fiscal year 2020 budget was submitted last week. Chief Lyon has not changed any items since it was presented to the Board of Firewards. Steve asked for clarification of the signal light funding and Chief's response was that he and Bob Harrington have discussed putting it into the Road Agent's budget. Steve also asked for an update on the solicitation drive, and enough has been collected to purchase the new Thermal Imaging Camera as well as the boat motor.

Chief Lyon initiated a discussion about hiring a part-time code inspector at some point in the future. This position was approved at a prior Town Meeting, but is currently not funded. Chief Lyon would like to discuss this issue further this year, and perhaps include it in the fiscal year 2021 budget.

It rained during the Open House on Hospital Day weekend, however there was a decent turnout. Doug reported that from the Hospital's point of view, it was a big success. Some problematic details of the Triathlon route were discussed.

Chief Lyon proposed a modified shift schedule in an effort to maintain coverage for the on-call officers in the evening, as well as reduce overtime costs. Steve's input was that the Board is primarily concerned with the FD providing adequate coverage, and it's the Chief's job to make sure this happens. Doug supported the idea, especially because the proposed schedule can always be adjusted as needed.

One final discussion took place about the meeting room that was used for an active shooter drill, which got extremely hot because of the temperature outside combined with the amount of participants. This is yet another reason a wall-mounted air conditioning and heating unit installation should be considered in the future.

The Board of Firewards voted to go into Non-Public Session (NPS) under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 4:21PM and voted to come out of the NPS at 4:39PM.

Immediately following the close of the NPS, the Board voted to seal the minutes and at 4:40PM the regular meeting the Board of Firewards was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 30th at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lyon, Clerk