

**Board of Firewards  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, August 7, 2017**

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

**Items for Discussion:** So far, NLFD has responded to 502 calls which is more than average for years past. Chief Lyon's projection for the end of this year is about 800 calls, as opposed to 750. He shared a spreadsheet to compare number of monthly calls since 1999, and it was noted that calls have remained fairly consistent with the exception of various weather anomalies. He also explained the details of a lightning strike/propane fire.

This past weekend NLFD held its annual Open House, and due to the weather, had fewer attendees.

The new truck manufacturer (E-One) representative asked if Chief Lyon had the authority to sign contracts and the like. Doug Lyon made a motion to authorize Chief Lyon to sign any documents relating to the acquisition of apparatus, tools and equipment, like he did with the ladder. The motion was seconded, and passed. This new engine/tanker should be ready for delivery in just under a year, and the total purchase price will be just over \$530,000. The discount for prepayment will be about \$12,000.

There was no update relative to Dispatch, however Chief Lyon did surmise that the next big consideration will be to get the repeater system up and running on Mt. Sunapee. He thinks the neighboring towns will be contacted again during the budget season for solicitation of funds as this will mainly benefit them.

The Fine Arts Center is now completed at Colby-Sawyer and the Chief will soon be issuing a permit of assembly.

Chief Lyon passed out a preliminary budget, noted that the main increase is to part-time wages, and to expand hours for the part time firefighter/secretary. Gena Edmunds currently holds this position and a couple of her responsibilities are to complete W-2 forms and fill out nationally required NFIRs. She is also the chair of the Standing Committee. Doug Lyon observed that other than part-time wages, the only other notable increase was for portable radios (line item #613). Chief Lyon explained that rather than allocate money for the radio replacement reserve account, the funds are part of the operating budget. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the budget draft.

This year's budget meeting format will be different in that department heads will present to both the Selectboard and Budget committee at the same time with the intent of reducing the number of hours and meetings for all stakeholders.

At 5:04 the Board went into non-public session to review Chief Lyon's evaluation. After the Firewards went into non-public session under RSA 491:A, they came out of the Non-Public Session at 5:14pm, unanimously voted to seal the minutes

upon a motion being made to do so, and adjourned the regular meeting at 5:15 pm.

The next meeting will take place on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Lyon, Clerk