

**Board of Firewards
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2017**

The meeting took place at the Fire House. The minutes of the August 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: We have currently responded to 20 less calls this September compared to last, so we may not make 800 calls this year. The 9/11 ceremony was well attended and went off without a hitch. Karen suggested we put a sign out to advertise for next year. We could request the lighted signboard. There was also discussion about the motorcycle accident that took place on Andover Rd.

The NLF D budget was presented on September 7th. The next meeting will take place on the 27th and will be a joint meeting between the Selectboard and the Budget Committee.

Chief Lyon had requested some bids from local contractors/builders to replace trim, cement siding, and some doors and windows. \$36,960 was proposed and approved for this project, however Glen Lohman's bid came in at \$20,000, which does not include the door entry hardware estimated to cost up to \$8,000. The department might be able to save even more funds on the labor cost if Corey pitches in. It would be beneficial to have the repairs done before winter. Chief Lyon recommended using Glen Lohman due to the price and availability, and the board concurred. Doug Lyon asked about using key cards rather than the punch code type of lock, and we've decided at this point to keep with the code locks only because cards get lost and stolen, and there are many people who access the station who may not be part of the department such as State Police. Chief will ask Drew Edmunds, who's a lock expert, what his recommendation would be.

A dispatch meeting was held with Steve Ensign, Chief Lyon, and Chief Anderson. Chief Anderson will be applying for a 100% grant to complete the third phase of the repeater expansion/installation. It will cost \$100,000 to finish the third repeater site on Mt. Sunapee. The current dish is aimed right towards Sunapee, so once the repeater is in place up there, communication capabilities will significantly improve. Steve mentioned that the formula for town funds will remain the same, however it was suggested that all seven towns collaborate with each other to contribute to one capitol reserve fund for the purpose of maintaining the equipment.

After Chief Lyon's favorable evaluation, Kim Halquist sent a letter to the Board advising that his step increase would now correlate with his ten year anniversary as Fire Chief, which was September first.

There are many upcoming events.

- John MacKenna's restaurant is permanently closing and he wanted to provide a benefit dinner for local police officers and firefighters. This will take place on Saturday, from 5-8.
- Fire Prevention month is approaching and we'll have about 500 kids visiting the station. October 2-6 K-1st, 9-13 2nd-3rd, 16th-20th 4th-5th. It was also noted that Oliver is no longer visiting the station because he's getting too old to "stop, drop, and roll," along with greeting everyone.
- The pumpkin people plan for this year is to make up a bunch of little kid pumpkins who are planning for two ways out.
- New London Trick-or-Treating for Halloween will take place on the 28th this year.
- Pay Night Dinner will be on December 4th and the high school chef and students will be asked to cook again for that night.

October 17th will be the end of Corey's probationary period of training and due to his current level of work quality, will be a regular employee of the NLF. He will be due to receive his step increase as well.

The next meeting will take place on November 7th.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lyon, Clerk