

Board of Firewards – Town of New London
Draft Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:47pm with the following board members in attendance: Doug Lyon, John Ryan, Karen Hogle and Steve Ensign. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Jason Lyon and Selectboard member Nancy Rollins, Clerk Kyla Pillsbury. Upon recommendation by Steve Ensign, and no objection from the Board, the minutes of the May 2nd meeting were approved.

Agenda items:

- General Reviews and Updates-
 - Year to date NLFD is steady with just over 300 (323) calls for 2022.
 - NH Grant was submitted and approved by the state for PPE and radios. The goal is to obtain additional portables; this would be beneficial to ensure that all officers have their own radios enabling all apparatus to remain fully equipped with radios for use on calls. We are looking at 3 portable radios as a part of this as well as new PPE for some firefighters. This grant will need to be expended before December 31, 2022.
 - The Barn Playhouse – parking issues have been addressed. There is no parking on Pressey Ct. and only one side of Everett Park.
 - General department wellness – there have still been some individuals going through COVID, but it seems to be staggered enough that it hasn't impacted response.
 - Organizational Document of the Board of Firewards – this has been in the works since August of 2021. At this time the thought is that it is complete with one exception as we are awaiting verification with the state statutes to ensure that we can have alternates as a part of the Board. The Code of Conduct standard seems to have been met according to what the goal was when this document was initiated. Because Doug was virtual he was unable to vote on this, but there was a Motion by John and seconded by Karen and it passed with the possible exception.
 - Board of Selectmen activities – on Thursday the Board will be discussing appointments to committees and boards for Karen Hogle and Doug Lyon. Beyond that, Bill Degnan has expressed some interest in the Board, as a potential alternate.
 - Pre-build review for Engine 2 will occur in Hamburg, NY on Wednesday. Due to the complexity of this piece of apparatus, an in-person review will be beneficial. The Deputy Chief and Chief will be out of town for this endeavor, but the Captains will be in town for the duration of the day. There has been notification from E-One stating that they will be reducing their time for production down to 400+days-trending in the right direction!
 - Hospital Day Activities - Hospital Day is August 6th with activities leading up to it on Thursday and Friday. The parade will be taking place on Saturday morning which will impact the open house style activities that NLFD has done in the past. There was discussion about having a muster contingent upon area Fire Department's availability. a. There will be many different activities as a part of Hospital Days this year including a circus (with 3 showings), Manchester Mounted Police, midway, paddle board demos, face painting, Rotary Club breakfast, dunk stool, and more were discussed.

- New Fireworks Ordinance – it will be initiated on Labor Day weekend this year. The ordinance focuses on major holidays and it will not impact the 4th of July this year. Information will be disseminated via Municipal Matters and will express the need for respect amongst neighbors. It is also important to realize that this is a town-wide ordinance, but there may still be fireworks in abutting towns.
- Chief Lyon is in the process of preparing the F/Y 2024 budget. The Budget Committee has met and they decided their first meeting would be in September. There will be a preliminary budget for review at our next meeting.

Other Business:

- An executive or non-public session (RSA 91-A:3) was not held tonight.

Next meeting:

- The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, July 18th at 4:30pm. September 12th will be the meeting following.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm

Minutes Recorded By Kyla Pillsbury, Clerk.

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