

West Dover Fire Department  
Officer's Meeting  
June 10, 2013

Officers Present: Rich Werner, Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Mike Hescoock, Gary Carruthers  
Also present: recording secretary: Jeannette Eckert, Bob Harrington, David Buckley, Bob Rubin, and Ken March

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm

**Act 250-Airport Project:**

Bob Harrington, David Buckley and Bob Rubin gave an update on the airport project. Jim Barnes now owns the airport and can now go ahead with permits

- Paving Airport Rd—not an option at this time, too expensive
- Fuel tank—3500 gallon tank, credit card operated, automatic shut off; considering fire suppression system but was told by the State that airports do not have them; two inspectors coming—would like to have some firefighters there
  - Fueling is done away from the pumps—different from a gas station
  - 100 octane, more flammable—stronger than gasoline
  - Would like to leave it open until inspection, should be within a week or two
  - Meeting with Guy Rouelle from VT Aviation Division on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11AM
- Fire alarm/smoke alarm system
  - Original plan asked for 24 hour fire alarm system; knox box system
  - It should be done as no one will be there; one on the terminal building and the hangers; combine with security alarm; fuel tied into it
- 10 five gallon pails of Class A foam provided to each Fire Dept.; will replace when used at the airport
- Reviewed Act 250 permit—does not apply to the airport but rather the residential aspects
  - New permit is just for the airport—to extend the runway
  - Extend runway to 4400 feet—need another Act 250 permit because it is expired
- Pond: how many gallons in it? Need at least 120,000 gallons usable
  - 1000 gallons per minute was not done—would rather do a dry hydrant in the pond directly behind the terminal building
  - Dry hydrant is ok; will work with you; balance things out
  - Maintenance plan for the dry hydrant and the pond
  - Close to the fuel tanks, terminal building, hangers—additional ones to go up
- Bear corridor—just got word from biologist that bears are not eating anything in there
- Plan is to fix the Haystack East Road from Coldbrook to the south end of the runway—need for emergency access—Select Board in Wilmington is battling that around whether to make it a public road
  - South Access Rd would come out right at the end of the runway
- There will be signage up there with name & phone number of 24/7 contact person; close to getting 24 hour security at Hermitage
- Variance to change the pressurized hydrant system; ultimately need WDFD support
- Airport is being done in two phases:

- First phase: extend runway to 4400 feet
- Adding hanger, cleaning it up, making it safer
- Second phase to 5000 feet—include a taxi way-- down the road a couple years; would include future hangers
- Increase in traffic may present other issues
- FAA rating as B1—depends on wing span and height of aircraft
- There may be public misconceptions on the size of aircraft able to land there

### **Officers input on Airport:**

Mickey: Self-service-- no attendant; is there any way to put a pull station or emergency phone

Ken: Panic button that shuts the pumps down and notifies monitoring company as well as direct line to 911; so far it has worked at the Sunoco on Route 100

John: Can you wire the pull station to an automatic disconnect; sending out emergency call and shut down

Rich:

- Pull station should be located right at the nozzle
- Would like to see water within 400 feet of what we are servicing; already got one; perhaps just fix the one we have
- Used to get a lot of calls of people who don't know what to do once they land; need a contact person
- A proposal should be written up
- Look for a letter from Bob Harrington
- Bob should call Nona Monis and schedule an MIQ ( Municipal Impact Questionnaire)
- Randy Johnson's only concern was who to call when there is an issue
- If we agreed there has to be a dry hydrant; it will be easier to go and look at; location agreed upon by the developer and the fire station; training class is very generous

### **Officer Updates:**

John:

- Response to the fire at Eve's house went well
- Training on solar system and what to expect when fighting a fire
- John Snow will look into getting a training session on houses that are off the grid—solar, wind power etc; possibly fall or winter
- Stand by generators—we should be aware of them
- Discussed fire in Athens

Mickey:

- Need more mask bags
- Air pack frame that had a broken clip on it—it is missing off the ladder truck
  - Ask at next drill
- Hose pressure chart—lamine and stick one on each engine
  - Rich would like to see a revised chart. Make it simple at 200 pressure at pre-connect
  - Strictly for pre-connect; just go by 200ft
- Incident Command flow chart—put on clipboard with pencils and try using them
  - It will work, it just takes discipline

Rich:

- Fire Marshall: Serious injury, major dollar loss, suspicious fire
  - State police will contact an investigator
  - Secure the scene—have to leave firefighting equipment there—maintain control
  - Jake in Wilmington is a good person to contact
- New Social Media guidelines for FDNY
  - Be careful about what is being said and posted on public media
  - Need to re-enforce this issue with all members
- Addressed letters about the parade; got some responses
- Franklin Lamoille Fire School
- Readsboro 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am—if anyone is interested in going
- Replace water can on fire extinguisher
- Letter from Dave Moulton @ Mount Snow about not going to alarms
  - State doesn't really care
  - Brian Johnson suggested a call to insurance company & Town attorney
- Reviewed automatic nozzle paperwork—Officers please read through
- Payroll budget: over by \$1,200.00 but overall payroll line item is down; \$5,600-7,200 left over—purchase 2.5 hoses; get rid of 75psi nozzles—look at what we have for nozzles
  - Any other priorities in spending?
  - New flip top nozzles are out there; stick with automatic nozzles for consistency
  - Cylinder air packs need testing—44
- June 25<sup>th</sup> program at Bellows Falls High School on drug intervention

**Gear:**

- Bring the Globe factory rep down
- Need to write a proposal
- Want the gear with the bid or we won't accept the bid
- Accept gear that doesn't have the accessories but what's important is the liners, vapor barriers, outer materials
- Compare with the basic gear

**Fire Calls for May:**

- May 1—Mountain View Loop—illegal burn—2x2 area in driveway
- May 3—Rte 100—motorcycle accident
  - Rte 100—smell of propane

- May 5—Ledge Rd—CO detector sounding—no CO-- false alarm
- May 20—Wilmington—cover truck
- May 21—Route 100—false fire alarm
  - Negus Rd—structure fire
- May 23—Negus Rd—tree fire
  - Queen Anne’s Way—false fire alarm
- May 26—Snow tree lane—2 false fire alarms
- May 30—Greensprings Rd—false fire alarm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

**Next meeting June 24 at 5pm**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary