

West Dover Fire Department
Officer's Meeting
November 10, 2014

Officers Present: Richard Werner, Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Mike Hescocock

Also present: recording secretary Jeannette Eckert

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm

Drills, Trainings, Meetings:

- Reviewed most recent drill—would like to see topic expanded on
- Discussed upcoming drills:
 - Furnace blow backs—Nov 19th if no firefighter fitness (John)
 - Ropes drill—down off of roof—Nov 12th (Mickey)
 - Dec 3rd—fire alarms, co, gas meter (Bill Shea)
 - Dec 10th--??
 - Cold weather rope rescue drill in February
- Mt Snow ski passes: impressed with the number of people this year: 14

Equipment & Gear:

- Radio replacement
 - Two radios, one common headset
 - Like the idea of a whole separate radio for command
 - Will wait on the grant application for Police Dept. radios
- Wiper blades—Chris Pease will measure at next drill
- Purchased new computer for firehouse but wireless has disconnected
- Cable from TV for projector use
- Forever gas—comes pre mixed with oil--need to check mixture ratios before ordering
- Light bar—10 pre-programmed messages; will put on pick-up truck
- New hose came in—2500 feet put on supply truck; 200 feet of old stuff
 - Tanker—added 400 feet so it is now at 2000 feet
 - Engine 1—added 400 so now at 1000 feet
 - 50 footers first link off the truck?—all 100 foot coming first off the truck
 - 2.5 inch & 1.75 inch hoses—plan to replace by end of this fiscal year
- In good shape with equipment
 - Think about what other equipment we might need
 - Rescue trailer? Gas meters?
- Better way to utilize the utility truck—reorganize inventory
 - Easier access to ropes
 - Look into a sliding shelf
- Go through each truck and determine what is used and what isn't—reorganize; does an item make more sense on another truck?
- Outfitting the pick-up truck—Mickey will look into
 - Built in tool boxes?
 - Truck officers?

Other business:

- Santa at the Mountain, Sat, Nov 29th --Mickey could use some help—bring up at next drill
 - Have not heard back from Tim Dolan about fireworks permit at Mt Snow
- Discussed possible truck refurbishment if a grant is available
 - Thought we wanted to keep the old Mack; not feasible, happy with the trucks we have; will have more cross lays
 - Replace Engine 2?—help the Town out if a grant was there
 - 1500 gallon tank; cross lays like on Engine 1
 - If replaced could have a full water supply truck, and capability of a full attack truck
 - 1200 gallon tank with foam
 - Ladder truck—on capital plan for replacement—need to check on dates
 - New trucks out today probably won't last 30 years like the old ones
 - Quality is not there
 - Utility truck—engine brake issues
- Magazine articles of interest:
 - Firehouse magazine Nov 2014—thermal imagers; try to use them more in drills; possible fundraiser item for Association
 - Firehouse magazine Oct 2014 articles
 - “We’ve not been doing it wrong”
 - “Life safety challenges at hotel, motel fires”
 - “Red River success story”
 - Fire Rescue—article about tankers—“Pumping it up”
- Friday, Dec 5th—Christmas party—mark your calendars!
- Budget—SB was good with it; very supportive; just wanted to rename one line item
 - Authorized to form a committee to look at public safety for the Town
 - Emergency management plan—easier way to track expenses if under separate line item
 - After Town Report goes to print will look at forming committee
 - Radio—cost should be shared by all depts., not just highway
 - Concerns about water system up and down Route 100
 - 6 T connections available with Mt Snow’s Act 250

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

❖ **Next meeting on December 8 at 5pm**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary

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