

West Dover Fire Department
Officer's Meeting
October 27, 2014

Officers Present: Rich Werner, Mickey Kersten, Gary Carruthers

Also present: recording secretary Jeannette Eckert, Fran Walenta, Bob Rubin

The meeting was called to order at 5:09pm

Fran Walenta regarding Chadwicks/Mount Snow Motors building:

- Building belongs to Callahan—leased to Apache
- Wants to open a self-serve gas station there—Sunoco—gas and diesel
- Requirements:
 - Suppression system
 - Emergency shut off away from pump
- Checked out Wilmington's Sunoco station—has phone number and website for contact
 - Pool phone that rings into 911
- Treat it like a fire alarm—register it to have contact people; need local person as contact—Carolyn at Mount Snow Motors will be contact person to respond if there is an issue
- Spill kit will be available
- Signage stating that it is an unattended site
- Store will continue to be unoccupied but will have access to controls inside
- Knox Box would be appropriate—somewhere away from the pumps
 - Access to door at north end of building
- Flow sensor on the pumps
- Mickey: More than one key holder?
 - Should be a back-up phone number; in case of clean up needed
- Gary: no issues
- Will fill out fire alarm permit application
- Arrange inspection on a drill night? To make everyone familiar with it—how the knox box works, where the shut offs are etc....

Bob Rubin regarding another hangar at Airport:

- Need to accommodate a plane with a larger wing span
- Been in contact with Morton Building and Clear Span tent company
- Structure would sit on existing foundation—frost wall foundation
 - Layer of foam down
 - Pour slab—bigger foundation
 - One of the larger hangars—58 feet wide door opening
- Debating on whether to go with a building or a tent
- Building would have permanent heat; tent would have temporary heat
- Tent can withstand a 110 mph wind load—almost like a permanent structure
- Currently gathering information
- Most likely need an Act 250 permit for energy efficiency
 - Heat—document energy
 - Insulation
- Minor amendment to permit
- Tent could be up in 30 days; building would be put out to March; searching for other builders

- Desire to have it in place by Dec 15th
- Will have heat, lighting, no sewer, no water, no repair shop set up
- Basically a place to park the plane and keep heated
- Most likely ceiling heaters, propane fired
- Will provide updated site plan and specs
- Will be in contact with Brian Johnson/ April Hensel/ Dave Cerchio—to obtain appropriate permits

WDFD Concerns:

- Running planes inside hangar? (only starting up and shutting down)
- Water for firefighting, prefer to see metal building which is less flammable
- Don't want to see maintenance shop, or building maintenance going on; come back if you add anything
- Beyond that it becomes a different usage
- No fueling of the airplane in the hangar
- Small repairs are ok
- Schedule another MIQ—next SB meeting is Nov 18th

Drills, Trainings, Meetings:

- Mass casualty large scale drills
 - SWNH Mutual Aid –form to fill out 72 hours prior to drill/exercise
- Look at updating MIQ form----adding “encourages membership to Deerfield Valley Rescue”...
- MRE's – can't sell but can donate to food bank etc.—not great but edible
- Sheriff's Dept. started a monitoring program—monitors can be cut off if needed but sets an alarm off—will come and reset it--be aware of it in an emergency medical situation
- Fireworks at Hermitage & Mt Snow—class to go over safety
- Pump testing drill—November –week of the 10th --Mickey—ask at next drill for helpers

Equipment & Gear:

1. Email from Dale about radios in Engine one
 - Headsets are discontinued—no longer make them
 - To repair the one we have--\$300.00
 - Replace existing cable--\$150.00
 - Travel and labor--\$575.00
 - Total \$1025.00
 - Replace with Dave Clark headsets that connect to portable radios? Wireless
 - Hard wired head set—keep?
 - Rich just got a grant to replace PD headsets in cruisers and bay station
 - Can replace FD's with old PD ones—6 units
 - Intermittent problems
 - Dump everything? Different headsets, harnesses....
 - Consider making Engine one's on a separate line
 - Discuss again at next meeting

2. Need new wiper blades—purchase at Napa—have Chris Pease determine sizes and numbers needed
3. Fill washer fluid up
4. Hose was supposed to be in
5. Forever gas? Mickey will look into pricing & where to get it
6. Deck gun on Engine one; Pressure gauge on Tanker; Generator noise on Engine one—all need to be looked at

Staff:

Officers went over budget figures for 2015/2016 fiscal year
 Rich is meeting with SB on Thursday morning to go over budget

- Emergency management plan—filling salt shed
 - Keep it all on one side, all the way to the back
- Mutual aid--\$47,000/year—2nd biggest line item
- Reviewed drills and calls participation by each firefighter

Other business:

1. Mt Snow put in Act 250 application for West Lake project—goes back to 2008—in 2010 signed agreement with SB on pipeline
 - 6 T connections available to FD
 - Think about where we want these connections
 - Would love one at Tannery Road that turns south into village
 - Tap off Kingswood and bring a hydrant out to us
 - As far as Silo would help a lot
 - Concerns expressed about water supply/ wells not producing as much as before
2. False Fire alarm—discussed Snow Lake Retreat email that was rec'd; will waive the \$500 fee
3. VLCT—entry into public buildings
 - Citizens don't have unlimited access to a building just because it's public
 - Hours, days of week restrictions should be in place
 - VLCT recommends having a policy in place; any visitor should be accompanied by a firefighter and/or permission of the chief
 - Currently have a Meeting Room Use policy—copies are in each Officer's box for review
 - Think about it and come up with another policy for whole building—revisit at next meeting
4. Agreed that Wilmington would deal with airport issues
5. Consider joint drills—same night of the week to include all depts. East Dover, Wilmington, Wardsboro, Dover
6. Nov 11th joint meeting with Wilmington/Dover Select boards at 6pm to discuss ladder truck

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm

❖ **Next meeting on November 10 at 5pm**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary

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