

West Dover Fire Department
Officer's Meeting
March 23, 2015

Officers Present: Richard Werner, Gary Carruthers, John Snow, Mike Hescok, Mickey Kersten, Rick Fletcher
Also present: Recording Secretary Jeannette Eckert, Larry Dingee

Officers met with Larry Dingee from 5 to 6pm to go over vehicle repair needs
The regular meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

Vehicle repairs review:

Tanker:

- Possibly done in 45 days
- Pull 4 inch hoses off? Coordinate with a Wed drill
- Propose staff coming in on a Tuesday to pull hoses off, Dingee to do repairs on a Wed (drill day) and have drill members put hoses back that Wed evening

Engine One:

- Pump has been an issue
- Will need to leave at shop—should have in and out by 1st of July
- Ladder rack cost installed
- Generator installed and up and running
- LED lights
- Electric valve for rear discharge
- 4" stortz connectors

Engine Two: will put out to bid

- Looking at an estimate of \$10,000 for each engine

Utility truck:

- \$1000 for each roll out tray
- Mounting 6 bottles up above
- Looking at an estimate of \$5,000; if over that would need to go out to bid

Pickup Truck:

- ~\$2-3,000—need to have truck in the shop
- 2-3 weeks' time

- Possible to get all work done by Sept 1, 2015?
- John Snow will coordinate dropping off the pick up

New business:

- Review of Tier report for hazardous materials at 7-11

- VT Div. of Fire Safety Newsletter
 - If vent is less than 7 feet above grade—requires "V" with signage indicating heating vent
 - Blocked vents calls—will be a lot easier to find
 - Not grandfathered--retroactive

- State Police email re: arson
 - Reasons to contact an arson investigator:
 - Origin of fire cannot be determined, Fatality or Serious bodily injury, Suspicious in nature, Excessive loss
 - How to contact one? Call Police or Keene Mutual Aid
 - Handled now by Lt. Dan Trudeau at State Police
- Recent MIQ meetings on March 20th:
 - Hermitage/Airport Hangar on Existing Foundation
 - Mt Snow Carinthia Project
- Emergency services committee meeting—April 1st at Firehouse from 11:30am to 1pm
 - Concerns about the ability to handle number of fire calls coming in for firefighting/rescue
 - Mt Snow and Hermitage will have reps attending
- Twin State Regional Fire School—May 2nd & 3rd, if anyone is interested in attending
- LEOP was updated and signed by Select board on March 17th—done yearly
- Fire Rescue Magazine articles in January issue
 - *Using caution with social media*—photographs of a fire scene cannot be posted on personal social media pages
 - *Life inside the building*
 - *Test flows on high rise buildings*
- NFPA Journal article
 - *Tactics*—water cannot push fire but does dramatically drop the temp. inside—1800's trainings books; opening controlling door feeds the draft
- Suburban Propane—April 20th or 28th jurisdictional installation— tanks metered to individual locations—yearly inspections
 - Rich will contact to schedule on a Wed drill night—possibly May
- Hermitage Club updates—monthly meetings
 - Now has 24-7 security in place—one phone number to call
 - Will have same radio frequency as FD
- 45th Annual Addison County Regional Fire School—April 25 & 26, if anyone is interested
- Green Mountain Power right to know informational sheet available for review

Inventory:

- Mickey prepared inventory sheets for all vehicles
- Took some items off and added to other vehicles
- One engine had two 24 ft. hoses
- Engine two had two 3.5" gate valves
- Hydrant bags—need to go over contents
- 2000 ft. of hose on tanker/ 1000 ft. on engine 1
- Stortz connectors on hydrants? Consider these to hook up directly without a valve
- Hydrants around here offer sufficient water supply

- Grand Summit flow? More than we are going to use
- Labeling compartments will be good to keep up with inventory
- Discussed NFPA hydrant pressure
- **Officers to review for April 13th meeting and bring comments**

Staff:

- Larry D. can return to work
 - Red light application—can get one online; Needs to also submit a letter of request
- Consider forming a Rescue Squad? Are we going to get people to show up? Class coming up in April. Having a hard time getting people to show up for fire calls
- Rob Joslin back to regular duty
- Thank you letters from Newbrook Fire for cascade tanks and Stratton for going up to their fire

Building Maintenance:

- David Smith did some work on the Firehouse
 - Replaced spindles on grates
 - Added a new shelf
 - Repainted SCBA & Biohazard rooms
 - Fixed ceiling fan upstairs

Training/ Drills:

- April 1st—airport training with Wilmington at 6:30pm
- April 4th -- follow up on airport training (time to be determined)
- April 8th—TIMS training with DVR and Police Dept. (traffic control/accident scenes)

February Fire Calls: 20

Radios:

- Dale found corroded wires; antenna connection on Engine one was repaired
- Checked over Police radios—can be used in fire trucks
- Lead radio has to have a jumper installed to accommodate for UHF and VHF frequencies
- Power surges in building—converter has to be unplugged & re-plugged to reset itself
- Will continue to use radio on Engine one and see how it works

Handle Road update:

- Be aware that starting May 11 to Sept 25, Mt Snow shutting down Handle Rd during the day while pipeline is being installed; one lane open at night
- Wilmington has been requested to be first on call during this time

Equipment:

- Engine two---4 inch rear discharge—would be nice to have a gate on it
 - Need to determine if drain works after repairs

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

❖ **Next meetings on April 13th & 27th at 5pm**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary

Minutes are posted on the Dover, Vermont website: www.doververmont.com