

West Dover Fire Department
OFFICERS MEETING
Minutes
Monday-Aug 8, 2016

Officers Present: Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Mike Hescocock, Rich Werner, Gary Carruthers
Also present: Recording secretary, Jeannette Eckert & Glen Ethier from 5-Alarm Fire Sales

Called to order at 5:08 PM

New Business:

Officers reviewed the Dover Underground LP Tank Ordinance

- In the past, tanks had to be buried, top of tank had to be at ground level
- Very few people know that we have this ordinance
- When Peter Libby owned Deerfield Valley Supply—he agreed with everything but the tank size
- Ordinance states:
 - Tanks of less than 125 gallons are exempt
 - Tanks 126 gallons to 500 gallons, must be minimum of 10 feet away from buildings
 - Tanks 501 gallons and over, must be minimum of 25 feet away from buildings
- Don't seem to have the issues that we used to have
- Ordinance was adopted in 1990—26 years' old
- Did one variance in all these years
- Should we keep it? Update it?
- Tanks less than 125 gallons can be put right up against a house?
- More leaking gas concerns rather than fire concerns
- Will follow National Code requirements: Over 125 gallons must be minimum of 10 feet away
 - Therefore, variance will not be needed for Snowtree

On a motion by John Snow, seconded by Mike Hescocock, the Officers voted unanimously to recommend to the Select board to do away with Dover Underground LPG Tank Ordinance

Equipment:

Glen Ethier of 5-Alarm Fire Sales demonstrated a Draeger gas meter—5 gases

- Current meter—always something wrong with it; calibrating is difficult
- Set up to calibrate once every 6 months
- Sensors:
 - O₂ has a 5-year warranty
 - CO and H₂S has a 2-year warranty
 - LEL has a 3-year warranty
 - Hydrogen cyanide has a 1-year warranty
- Bottle of gas is typically good for 2 years—4 uses
- Not one bottle that has all the gases for calibration
- Cradle, cable, two bottles of gas, \$800.00
- \$200 every six months to do the calibration
- If you send to Draeger, they will calibrate it—goes to supplier in Plattsburgh, NY—cuts your calibration cost in half
- May be hard to operate with gloves on---small buttons

- Probably would not have gloves on when turning it on or off—would be turned on *prior* to going into and turned off *after* exiting a hazardous environment
- Two settings for the alarm—one is an awareness alarm and you can silence that
- 12-hour battery life—can get rechargeable or alkaline
 - \$1300 rechargeable; \$1200 alkaline
- Can just replace sensors, but will want all the calibration gases as well
- Loaner supplied when meter is out for calibration or major repairs
- Does sell MSA but doesn't prefer to do so
 - Feels more comfortable with service and repair on the Draeger model
- Proposal to include taking care of meter for 5 years, sending it out and back, plus spare one to use
- Will figure in the cost to ship out and return ship
- Will put a quote together and get to Rich
- Officers are in favor of purchasing Draeger model

Other Equipment:

- New England Fire sent Keith Cushman to do repairs on vehicles
- Truck to Dingee—will pull the pump and fix next week—may be gone a week
- Charging unit for the pick-up & new battery

Old Business:

Greensprings fire ponds—John Densmore did some measuring:

- 43 Dover Springs Lane: pond surface area of 4350 square feet with 3ft depth=57,000 gallons of water
- Windham Way pond: 5.5ft depth= 435,000 gallons
- 9 Dover Spring Lane: 4.5ft depth= 225,000 gallons
- 38-42 Greensprings Road = 515,000 gallons.
- Request for help with materials—WDFD will apply for grant money

Would really like to see some water in the center of town
Ponds at Sawmill?
Tollgate Village?

Training/Drills:

Solar Photovoltaic Fire Safety Class—Aug 24th at Newbrook

Sept 7th—Bill Shea

Sept 14th –Drew Hazelton

September 21st —Butterfield Common –Rick Fletcher to lead

- Rich found out that residents with mobility problems *were* offered ground floor apartments by the Management company but residents refused them
- Recent fire call to reset the alarm—a lot of confusion about who should reset it—will speak to mgmt. company about it

Thursday, October 20th— Proper Radio Communication Training & Hazmat Response Team with Mutual Aid—hosting here

October 15-16th—Engine Company Operations with Light Staffing: 8:30 to 4 both days; 3 free slots per day for hosting it but will pay for anyone else who wants to attend

Staff:

On a motion by John Snow, seconded by Mickey Kersten, the Officers unanimously agreed to accept Benjamin “Jamie” Storrs as a firefighter on probationary status

July Fire Calls:

July 2- Johnson Hill Road- propane gas release

July 5- Country Club Road- lift assist

July 8- Country Club Road- lift assist

Dorr Fitch Road- lift assist

July 9- Howard Lane- false fire alarm

July 11- Tannery Road- false fire alarm

July 19- Country Club Road- assist ambulance with lifting

July 21- Route 100- false fire alarm

July 27- Country Club Road- lift assist

Adjourned at 6:45pm

Next Meeting- Sept 12th at 5pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

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