

West Dover Fire Department
OFFICERS MEETING
Minutes
Monday- June 27, 2016

Officers Present: Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Gary Carruthers, Rick Fletcher, Mike Hescocock, Rich Werner

Also present: Recording secretary, Jeannette Eckert & Tim Dolan

Called to order at 5:10 PM

New Business

- Tim Dolan: Mt Snow request for fireworks permit on July 3rd from 9pm; same spot as where the November drill was conducted, E lot; entire area will be closed off until all fireworks have been completed; viewing will be from the hotel
- Officers request that a call be given to Rick Fletcher that morning to check on conditions

On a motion by Gary Carruthers, seconded by Mickey Kersten, all were in favor of permitting the fireworks display on July 3rd at Mt Snow

- Wardsboro 4th of July parade—Rich will talk to Rob about taking a truck up
- Whitingham Old Home Week—August 13th
Trucks in parade?? Let them know by July 1st
- Bennington—Annual convention parade on August 14th
- 2015 Tier Two report for Mt Snow is in

Old Business

- Roof is done: 4-star coverage—total roof replacement warranty for 25 years because CertainTeed shingles were used & a certified installer
- Only rot found was in the Silo portion of the building

Equipment

- Ladder truck inspection
3 tiers of repairs:
 - 1 Class one defects: gear box mounting
 - 4 Class two defects: right front outward red warning light not working, rear of truck level indicator stuck at zero degrees, ladder will not fully retract without using override, operational tests elevate full, rotate, extend had to be done in 120 seconds—took 160 seconds—high idle does not work
- Pump tests conducted on June 2nd:
 - Ladder, Engine 2 and Tanker are all good
 - Engine 1 to be repaired in the next few weeks—warranty items
- Flashlights—batteries, bulb replacements are available; Box lights also

- Inline gauge—red one needs to get sent back to manufacturer; Fire Tech and Safety can send back for us; Ordered another one—one in each high rise pack
- Gated Y also sent back
- Chain saw blade—need to get an invoice to Jeannette by Tuesday and it will get paid from this year's budget
- Check masks—nose cup and speaker; everyone changes their own batteries; Incorporate into a drill
- New blue hoods ordered for everyone
- Clean equipment/gear after each structure fire

Staff

- Mike Tanguay and Matt Nicklis—letters submitted for the Hermitage program
- Payroll/stipends spreadsheet was reviewed
- Fire Prevention Week: Oct 9-15, “Don't Wait, Check the Date”

On a motion by Gary Carruthers, seconded by Mickey Kersten, all were in favor of taking Tim Dolan off probation status

- Policy on equipment applies to all members; Officers should be setting the example for all members
 - All need to work together and support each other
- Donation to be made in Colette Lynch's memory

Training/Drills

- Hose work on July 6th drill—Mike will contact E Dover and Wardsboro to see if they will join in. Incorporate pumping as well
- Bill Shea drill on the 20th
- Drew—navigation and compasses
- Last drill with hoses & balls—would like to repeat that; work on it some more
- Chris Brooks pager? Sent one out for repair—what one is he using now?

Articles:

- Fire Rescue Magazine June 2016 article: *Locating the Fire*
- Fire House Magazine articles: *Limited Staffing Solutions*: hitting the fire to cool things down is not a bad thing; also aggressively closing doors to not let air in to feed the fire & *Stairway Strategies*
- May Fire Safety Newsletter is available
- Fire Call procedure:

- WDFD called out to cover truck at Wilmington Fire Dept. & to fire on Maple Drive in Whitingham
- One and the same call—only write up one sheet, not two
- These are internal reports that Rich files
- Complete call when everyone is back at the station—leave at the same time
- Franklin-Lamoille Fire School is on September 24 & 25 <http://www.flfsvt.org/>
- ISO rating—Insurance Service Organization--rates the department
 - The lower the number, the better in the rating
 - Looked at a number of things:
 - Water supply
 - Truck equipment--Points for different equipment
 - Alarms, fire prevention, call logs response
 - Lacking in preplanning buildings
 - Officers meetings did not count as training
 - Set aside a couple hours once a month for Officer's training
 - Assessor's office mapping program on Town website
 - Rich has been working with site for hydrant planning, water supply etc.
 - Should receive a full report—will need to work on some areas

May Fire Calls

May 2- Mutual Aid to Deerfield Valley Rescue- lift assist- Country Club Road

May 11- brush fire- Ellis Brook Road

May 12- tree against power line- Route 100

May 17- false fire alarm- Blue Brook Road

May 20- false fire alarm- Handle Road

May 28- lift assist- Country Club Road

Adjourned at 6:40pm

Next Meeting- July 11th at 5pm—meetings changed to 2nd Monday of the month rather than 4th

- MIQ for Mt Snow Academy—purchasing the Matterhorn
- Jack Carroll—Butterfield Common

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert

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