

West Dover Fire Department
Officer's Meeting
October 22, 2012

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

Also Present: Jeannette Eckert, recording secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm

Key points of discussion were as follows:

Hayloft Gallery: Tony Tribuno's application to DRB on 10/25

ZA Cerchio asked Rich to look at the access given the changes to the property

Looking for a confirmation letter that there are no fire hazard issues

After a brief discussion, it was determined that no one had any issues.... a letter will be composed on behalf of the officers and given to ZA Cerchio prior to the October 25th meeting

Budget Review: July 2013 to June 2014

Preliminary budget to Select Board in November

- More money needed for Firefighter I---last two payments were made for Tanguays
Mike Y may just need to take the test to be certified but the grace period was in question
- Training officer will come out and probably stay out
- Fire Wardens: Rick Fletcher and Leonard Hall
- Outside employment—offset with income, should be more than what we're paying out , it is difficult to determine an amount, wants to show it separate from income side, will leave it up to Select Board
- Retirement expense is just for Rich now
- Office expense and printing—covers all office supplies
- Dispatching—figure will most likely go up; covers East and West Dover; discussed at the recent DVMA meeting; new Town antenna & repeater on Stubbs Tower; working on getting Fire Dept. radios on narrow band; antenna on roof, wires are in place
- Fees & Dues—DVMA, NFPA
- Fuel & Oil—pumps are fixed, can keep better track of costs
- Training—pay for Bill Shea
- Hydrant maintenance—one spare hydrant in stock
- Radio maintenance-- went up due to changeovers
- Equipment Purchase and Repair—went down
- Last payment made on Fire House 12/2010

Rich asked for any special requests for items—trying to save up for better price on hoses, etc., trying to keep extras on hand

Mickey suggested replacing hoses on engine 2

Gary does not see any changes that need to be made to the budget

Fire House Equipment:

John Snow requested small mag lights—to be issued to officers as part of equipment to have on hand, would have come in handy at the recent late night car accident

Rich—tend to disappear; more apt to buy smaller versions that are less expensive; has no problem purchasing one for everyone; perhaps headlight versions for \$15-18

Stream lights are \$120-\$160 which are rechargeable

Mickey has an LED light: rugged, bright and long range; officers will look at, cost is around \$20-30

Mickey recently serviced air packs, replaced all the batteries, first 4 pass devices he tried wouldn't work, discovered that the batteries were coated with oil & wouldn't make any contact; each battery must be wiped down before use

Guys that have their own masks with speakers on the side have to change their own batteries, Mickey does not have access to those

Rich got a call regarding a cardiac arrest save by a Nashua Fire Dept. personnel for someone in Dover. Perhaps referring to Dover, NH rather than Dover, VT?

Training and Drills:

Training next few months

- November--Gas meters—both meters are back; there will be a few different models to try out; drill will be open to property managers as well

MSA gas meters; Scott Scout models; some models are not available anymore

Suggestion was made to buy more personal meters for each officer or one on each truck

- December--Thermal imaging
- January and February-- Firefighter I modules: firefighter safety, fire behavior, search & rescue
- Reading smoke was supposed to happen in Aug but was deferred to outside drills

John suggested air packs that are equipped with a hook right on the air piece; insures that mask doesn't get into any debris

Rich: keep that in mind for when the time comes to replace air packs, will have MSA demonstrate new models

Next Drill—1st of Nov

Numbers are up for drills

Basement drill --Remind Rich about concerns

Rich met with Dick Deutsch about fire lines on Handle Rd; Act 250 hearing notice for Grand Summit; never came to an agreement; thought issue was settled; understanding that in March will be knocking down the base lodge, not a done deal, will not sign a letter that all is well

Rich will get in touch with Dave Moulton to see how Haystack's use of water is going to affect us

If Haystack isn't operating, Mount Snow can take so much but if Haystack is operating, it limits their capacity

Mirror Lake issues with gallonage; needs to be addressed

Mickey commented on the last drill:

Opened the door to a good thing, follow up with training, suggested using a white board flow chart to assign people to certain jobs, need to have the discipline to use and train with it, engine one will be the command post, hard thing was remembering everything.

Drill scenario: Tried to imitate gas leak with fire and explosion with five or six victims

Best thing about it was that comments were made afterwards:

- Communication, where was incident command post
- Try better to communicate on the radios
- Stand by attack truck—no one really assumed command
- Unified command is needed
- Rich & Bobby Maynard were pleased with the drill, better than last year
- May want to have two staging areas: fire & medical
- May want to involve police next time
- ICS vests to identify who is in command—Rich doesn't have a problem buying one for each officer to have with their gear

The next Officer's meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12th at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert