

West Dover Fire Department  
Officer's Meeting  
October 8, 2012

Officers Present: Rich Werner, Gary Carruthers, Mickey Kersten, Mike Hescok  
Also Present: Jeannette Eckert, recording secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm

Key points of discussion were as follows:

- **Fire House Equipment:**
  - a. **Gas pumps** have been repaired at the Town Garage—black keys must be used to operate the pumps, 0911 is the code, use diesel pump No 1
  - b. Gary Carruthers pointed out that more pagers are needed; down to one spare; hears this dilemma quite often; Chief Werner agreed to order more
  - c. Mickey Kersten brought up for discussion the frequent radio static—Chief Werner is proposing to alleviate the problem making use of Stubbs tower
  - d. Chief Werner has ordered more fire plates for license plates
  - e. **Green Mountain Power Emergency Response Notification Protocol**—In the event of an emergency where GMP's electrical system may be involved, emergency personnel is to make immediate notification to GMP via the emergency hot line: 1-800-655-9217. This information will be placed in Town of Dover Road Directory Address Book, which has phone list. Placement in the book for each truck will be at the back side of the floor chart page
  - f. Chief Werner has been in the process of having brass plaques engraved & lacquered for old truck ; Mickey Kersten suggested that there are kits that you can use to spray on a clear coat to protect from tarnishing; will check with Fred Nutting
  
- **Fire Calls & Events:**
  - a. Chief Werner remarked that there were only two **fire calls** for the month of **September** which took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> both to Bluebrook Road: assisting DVR fallen subjects, landing zone at Mount Snow and a car accident, no one around
  - b. The Brattleboro Reformer is publishing fire safety issues this month—information was requested and submitted to them by Chief Werner
  - c. Chief Werner mentioned that Thursday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> is **Fire Prevention Day** at the Dover School, children will be able to tour the ladder truck; Chief Werner requested volunteers to also present at Mount Snow and Kids in the Country Day Care. This year's theme is "Two Ways Out".
  
- **Membership:**
  - a. Chief Werner & Mickey Kersten will contact two firefighters who have not been to drills lately; need to confirm their attendance or retrieve their pagers
  - b. A note of praise from Chief Werner for firefighter Matt Nicklis who was certified by the State of Connecticut as a Firefighter I—It is the Officers' decision whether to accelerate

the probation period; Mickey Kersten & Gary Carruthers were in favor of issuing him a pager but suggested that it would be prudent to wait to see how he responds to a call.

- **Training:**
  - a. **Air pack training** was conducted recently in the basement by Billy Shea—overall, a positive report was received on those who participated but perhaps additional training is needed for some. For several attendees, it was their first time in this type of training procedure.
  - b. Training with Wilmington, East Dover, Wardsboro—talked about doing a drill every 6 months; Wilmington & Wardsboro on Mondays; East Dover on Wednesdays; Chief Werner will set something up in April specifically directed at fighting high rise fires; next joint drill is Wednesday, will concentrate on more first aid and ropes practice. Critique to follow afterwards.
  - c. Mickey Kersten mentioned concerns regarding treating a patient prior to the rescue crew's arrival on the scene; should be aware that a first aid person is needed but if there is none available, what should the procedure be; firefighters should have basic first aid training in order to care for the injured; trying to move a person if there is no extenuating circumstances; should there be first aid equipment available? Backboard and strapping & collars; Chief Werner will bring up the issue with Bobby Maynard
  - d. Extrication training for car accidents was also discussed
  
- **Other Business:**
  - a. FYI from Chief Werner regarding Mount Snow's pond in reference to a letter from Brendan Ryan, Mount Snow Project Manager to Association Representatives, dated Sept 16, 2012.  
RE: Shared Fire Suppression Water Supply System Maintenance  
The fire suppression system that supplies water to Mount Snow, Clock Tower, Snow Vidda, Grand Summit and NED Ski requires maintenance. Mount Snow proposes to dredge the pond early this fall, increasing the pond's capacity. Estimated costs from Plimpton are \$17,850 and according to the supply line agreement, the cost of the maintenance is to be shared equally between associations; resulting in a \$4,462.50 cost to each party. According to Chief Werner, hydrants are off the same fire system as the Grand Summit; many hydrants in use but a small group paying for fire protection; should the town take them over; Outlook did not budget for this cost but will next year; believes cost should be spread out by all who enjoy the benefit of the water system. Mickey Kersten pointed out that Act 250 violations exist by not providing fire protection.

The next Officer's meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert