

West Dover Fire Department
Officers Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018

Officers Present: Rich Werner, Mike Hescocock, Mickey Kersten, Rick Fletcher
Also Present: Recording secretary Tim Dolan

Meeting called to order at 5:10pm

Carinthia Parking Facility

- New plans submitted by Mount Snow, included artists rendition of the covered staircase
- Rick motioned to approve plans and sign letter of support, all officers approved, Rich signed letter of support

January 3 Drill Recap

- Bill came down with the flu, wasn't able to make it
- Townsend checked out trucks to spec their new ones
- Washed trucks
- Talked about the training burn from November

Radios, being worked on Tuesday-

- U2 - Doesn't always work
- Engine 1 - can't hear anything, Keene comments that transmissions don't make it
 - Speaker seems to work until you transmit, then stops
 - Command area - right one comes and goes
- Ladder 1 - needs to be checked out, not receiving, possibly not transmitting
- Rich getting a new one for his truck as it hasn't been transmitting well

New compressor for station has been ordered

Garage door next to silo has been fixed

Ideas about false alarms & personnel

- Rich going to discuss with police about possibility of having them check on still alarms as available while they are on duty
 - Could confirm or cancel calls
 - Would require getting gas meters & pagers for cruisers
- Going to ask for a rate of pay change, hasn't been updated in years
- Recommend under town emergency plan that if a town employee joins an emergency service department they receive a bonus if they make it to

- certain number of calls
 - Can do plenty to help even without fire training – driving trucks, rolling hose, fire scene help
- Proposing a bunk room at station
 - Offer up to 2 seasonal employees with fire training free room
 - 5 nights a week on call
 - No alcohol, partying, etc
 - Assign officers to be on call
 - Discussed briefly with Selectboard about budgeting for creating a bunk room
- Jeanette sends out letters about alarmed units that need key holders updated as they are identified
- Officers – possibly identify who is “on call” on a weekly basis. Just communicate if things change
 - Number of officers – keep as is for now
- Discuss more ideas for recruiting & handling alarms at next meeting

Tim will take on having drills paged out when appropriate. Rich to find out what the procedure is.

Association

- Compile an accurate list of members, include Search & Rescue. Send out mailing asking to let us know if you want to continue being on the list by a certain date
- Need to warn a meeting to vote on officers

Executive Session for Personnel

- Present – Rich Werner, Mike Hescoock, Rick Fletcher
- Decision: None, Rich to update officers at future meeting

Paul Fisher, Ian Boyd, Marc Balch

- Been with the department and on probation for 6 months or more
- Mike made motion to vote in Paul, Ian, & Marc as full members. Rick seconded. All voted yes, Paul, Ian, and Marc are now off probation and are full members of the department.

Next Drills

- This week – Search & Rescue, camping drill at Mount Snow, cold water
- January 17 -Bill – SCBA

February Drills

- Non-Bill week: Chimney Fires
- With Bill: Cold Weather Procedures

- Andy will come up with meeting for Search & Rescue

Meeting adjourned 6:25pm

Next Officer's Meeting February 12 @ 5pm