

CORNISH BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

3/4/2015 AT CORNISH ENGINE TWO STATION

In attendance: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

Fire Department Members: Joel Kinne, Shane Smith, John Drye, Trey Whalen, Robert Rice, Leo Maslan, Mike Boutilier

Opened at 7:05 PM

John opened the meeting by stating "it is a good idea to talk to officers re: the appointment of the Fire Chief to get thoughts and concerns".

The LGC has provided the BOS with a job description.

Scott stated that it is more detailed than necessary and we will most likely use the one provided to chiefs in the past.

BOS stated that liability was a concern. NH FF1 is the minimum that we would require to consider someone for the Fire Chief's position. Although it is a volunteer position, the town needs to be protected along with the members of the department and the person who is appointed as Chief.

Jim Guy, Asst. Chief (who is currently acting Chief), has been out due to a family illness. Rest of the department doing what they can to keep things headed in the right direction.

Scott asked if firefighters help the Chief with his/her duties or do they have their own duties to fulfill? The answer by several of the members was that yes, along with their own. Leo mentioned that if something needs to be done, everyone pitches in to get it done. At a scene, each officer along with a mutual aid officer are assigned a duty. Ie: water supply, Safety Officer-etc...

Paperwork is more now than 20 years ago and takes up a lot of time.

In the absence of the Fire Chief and Asst. Chief, the highest ranking officer takes charge at a scene.

There are approximately 30 members but at least 12 of them are "inactive" according to the firefighters. Approximately 10 are FF 1 (NH).

There was discussion about having work done on the trucks locally. There was also discussion in regards to working through some of the past negative history with folks who are no longer on the department. Most felt it was important for the community to move forward.

There was also discussion regarding where the trucks should go to be inspected. Shane felt that E1, E2 and Tanker should go to Reeds as they are very thorough there was a mutual consensus from the rest of the FF's. E3 and Utility could be done either at Joe's in Claremont, or here in Cornish at Bucky's which is where the Utility is usually worked on. There was concern about being able to get the trucks to their inspection station. Scott offered to help if necessary.

Discussion about hot water heater at Engine One station. Dale offered to contact Doug Freeland to see what options are available. Doug Hackett has offered to allow the fire department to use his boiler and pipe hot water where necessary.

There was also discussion about the need to:

- Replace trim on Engine Two station – poor wood which has rotted
- Replace gear which is approximately \$2,000.00 set (some of gear is currently 10 years old)
- Replace air pack bottles which are due to “expire” in 5 years (\$700.00 each)
- Portable radios issued by state with grant \$, no longer able to be repaired (\$4,000.00 each)

John Drye talked about Trans Canada having trucks which they will donate to non-profit organizations. These are used trucks which Trans Canada prefers to donate vs. using as a trade in for their new purchase.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully,

Dale Lawrence

This meeting was posted on the internet (ConnectCornish) and at the Town Office