

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2017 at 1200 hrs

Meeting called to order by Chair Jim Fabrizio at 1200 hrs.

Present: BOFE Ruth Fletcher, BOFE Tim Field, BOFE Jim Fabrizio, Chief Andrew Head

Public Comment: no public present

Minutes: vote to accept minutes of September 6, 2017. Jim Fabrizio motion, Ruth Fletcher second, motion carried 3-0

Chiefs Report: vote to accept Chief's report for September. , Jim Fabrizio motion, Ruth Fletcher 2nd, motion carried 3-0.

Old Business: Fee schedule. Chief Head informed the board that one ongoing construction project has been grandfathered to the old fee schedule. The department's current fee schedule will apply to all other projects.

New Business:

Chief Head presented the board with 2018 budget. The budget does not include COLA for non-union employees or health care changes. Ruth Fletcher made a motion to allow Chief Head to submit the budget totaling \$1,643,187 on behalf of the department. Tim Field seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Head advised that the department is still pursuing a rescue boat replacement. The department is hoping to procure a boat through a grant in 2018.

Chief Head advised the board of a plan for a new radio tower by the water tower in Newington. The Comstar - Jim Fabrizio made a motion to write-off outstanding ambulance revenue from 2012 totaling \$25,946.95 as uncollectable. Ruth Fletcher seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Head asked the board for permission to have the rust on the Command Car repaired. Estimated cost of repairs to be approximately \$1000. Ruth Fletcher made a motion to authorize the rust repair. Tim Field seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Head informed the board that the ambulance is in need of drag links replaced. Also Forestry 1 needs drag links replaced.

Chief Head advised the board on the need to replace radio equipment.

Chief Head also advised that the department would like to replace 1 RIT pack this year if budget allows.

The board discussed scheduling conflicts and unanimously agreed to move monthly meetings to the first Wednesday of the month at 1200 hrs.

The Board signed purchase orders

Chief's Comments:

Chief Head announced Santa's Ride is scheduled for December 17.

The Board Voted to adjourn at 1305

Motion by Jim Fabrizio

Second by Tim Field

vote taken 3-0