

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
7 September 2016

Meeting called to order by Chair Darin Sabine at 1630 hrs.

Present: BOFE Darin Sabine, BOFE Jim Fabrizio, BOFE Ruth Fletcher, Chief Andrew Head, Asst. Chief Jeffrey LeDuc, FF Lisowski, FF Gorski, FF Hickman

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Vote to accept minutes of 3 August 2016 Jim Fabrizio motion, Darin Sabine second motion carried 2-0

Chief's Report: Motion to accept made by Ruth Fletcher, Jim Fabrizio second carried 3-0.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chief Head reported that the Ladder was out of service. It is at Seacoast Truck for repairs. It would not start.

Chief proposed several capital reserve accounts including vehicle repair and replacement account, equipment repair and replacement account. The BOFE will review for next meeting.

EMS billing was adjusted by vote. Darin Sabine motioned to adjust ambulance billing fees as suggested by Comstar. Second made by Jim Fabrizio. Motion carried 3-0

Chief Head addressed the future needs of the Department. He proposed adding a Fire Prevention position to the Department next year. The BOFE will further discuss.

Chief Head proposed a new commercial inspection fee structure to cover additional hours required by the Fire Department to inspect and review plans for new and existing businesses. BOFE will review new fees and vote next meeting.

Chief Head proposed the need to add an additional full time firefighter per shift. He suggested spacing the hires out over a few years. BOFE will review and discuss. Jim Fabrizio suggested a work session with the selectmen regarding these changes in the budget.

Chief Head updated the BOFE with the search for surplus vehicles. He suggested attempting to find a tanker through this program. Darin Sabine discussed adding an additional used ambulance to ensure proper EMS coverage. Sabine was concerned that we do not have a backup ambulance if the front line ambulance had to be placed out of service. He also favored having it for any second medical calls in Town.

Contractors were at the station reviewing potential expansion. Darin Sabine suggested forming a building committee that would include members of the public and representatives from all Boards in Town. This would allow for support and needed expertise with the project.

Asst. Chief LeDuc discussed designing a meter board for the Rescue Boat fund. Jim Fabrizio will design the meter.

Asst. Chief LeDuc discussed purchasing water bottles for the students at the school to support their new healthy water filtration stations. Jim Fabrizio made the suggestion to order enough for the Fire Department personnel.

Chief's Comments: Chief Head thanked his firefighters and Officers for another successful month of answering emergency calls and assisting the residents. He noted that Lt. McCooey and his wife had a baby girl last week.

Good of the Order: None

Executive Session: By a vote of 3-0 the BOFE entered into non-public under 91 A Sec 3 personnel at 1810. No decisions were made. Out at 1845. Vote of 3-0 minutes were sealed.

BOFE voted to adjourn the meeting at 1846. Motion by Jim Fabrizio second by Ruth Fletcher. Motion carried 3-0.