



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Commissioners Meeting – April 12, 2012

Present: Frank Barney, Gerald Goldsworth, Mike Opal, Dale Nicholson, Jim Hollenbeck, Sue Wood

Guest: Ronnie Streeter, Steve Parker, Dick Daby, Mike White (insurance representative), Ernest Wood (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Additions to the agenda included annual banquet, dry hydrants, and commissioner training (old business). Mike Opal (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the revised agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

- National Grid \$127.10 (prepaid check #1254)
- Admiral Fire & Safety \$348.17
- NAPA Auto Parts \$14.99
- Parkway Ford \$35.95
- Nicholville Telephone \$66.21
- Champlain Communications \$302.25
- Lamphere Trucking \$108.25
- Town of Hopkinton \$361.96

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to approve payment of the claims. All in favor; motion carried.

The April financial report was presented. The beginning balance was \$7,906.60. A deposit of \$59,800 was made from receipt of taxes. After payment of April claims, there will be a balance of \$66,341.72. Gerald Goldsworth (Mike Opal) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Chief's Report – Steve Parker reported there were a total of nine (9) calls for the month. On March 20, there was a barn fire at Richard Eakins, with 8 members attending. On March 29, 9 members went to Brasher-Winthrop for a stand by; April 3, 19 members were at the Richard Eakins farm, April 4 – several recalls to the Eakins farm with 5, 8 and 11 members; April 5 – several more recalls to the Eakins farm with 7 and 12 members. An axe, spanner wrench, halogen tool and a portable radio were lost at the fire. This will be submitted to the insurance company. Caitlin McGregor has applied for membership as a RAM. A meeting with her parents has been scheduled. She has been active in helping already. OSHA training was held on Saturday with 16 members. A turnout coat is still needed for Pat Pearl. He will check to see if Jake Hollenbeck's will fit; if so, a new one will be ordered for Jake as he is interior. We also need to order flashlights, hoods, and new hose tips for E41. He would like to toss the old pass alarms since they are no longer working. Jim Hollenbeck (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the chief's report.

New Business – Mike White, insurance representative from McNeil & Company, attended the meeting to make sure everything is okay. There are more updated programs on the e-learning system that should be checked out. Our renewal is up in July. The new policy will cover personal cars and will provide a rental agreement if a member's car is damaged during a call. This will also cover the deductible. We will need to review the value of the trucks as this is important. He will come up again in June to review the policy with us.

A question was asked if Jim, who is not a fireman, gets hurt doing something for the department, is he covered. There is an extra policy available to cover the commissioners. Mike will forward this to Sue. As long as the business is authorized, then the commissioner would be covered.

A taxpayer has questioned the commissioners on a member being out on disability and if this member is allowed to drive equipment. A letter should be received from the doctor stating exactly what the member can do.

Sue asked about workmen's compensation and slipping on the ice returning from a parade. Under VFPL Section 5, the member is covered. If any member has trouble getting compensation, they should feel free to contact the insurance company for assistance.

Carbon monoxide detectors were donated from NuMed to distribute to the community. What is the liability for going door to door to distribute these? Mr. White suggested that a waiver be prepared and ask the citizen to acknowledge with a signature that they are receiving these and that to the best of their knowledge it is in proper working condition. We should continue to do what the department is doing and use common sense.

Dale Nicholson (Mike Opal) made a motion to accept Caitlin McGregor as a RAM member, based on the outcome of the parents meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The chief will need to review the by-laws with the RAMS. They also need to be aware that they cannot drive to any scene.

Mike Opal (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to discard the pass alarms that are not being used. All in favor; motion carried. The commissioners requested Steve to look into exactly what equipment is needed and get prices and recommendations for the May meeting.

It has been recommended that the trucks get repacked every 5 years. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to send the trucks to Northern Fire & Equipment to get this done. All in favor; motion carried.

It was reported that the fuel tank in ETA44 was leaking. There did not appear to be anything on the floor so we will keep an eye on this for now.

The Porta-Pond liner needs to be replaced. The commissioners asked Chief Parker to check to see if replacement was of the liner was cheaper or purchasing a new one.

Jim Hollenbeck (Mike Opal) made a motion to approve the new officers for 2012:

- Chief – Steve Parker
- 1st Assistant – Ernie Wood
- 2nd Assistant – Jake Hollenbeck
- 3rd Assistant – Greg Crump

All in favor; motion carried.

Now that the tax money has been received, we need to establish a capital reserve fund. Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to establish a Capital Reserve fund and an Equipment Fund in the amount of \$2,000 each. After discussion, this motion was amended to purchase two (2) six-month CDS in the amount of \$2,000 each. All in favor; motion carried.

The annual dinner will be held on June 16. Dale Nicholson (Mike Opal) made a motion to pay \$500 of the dinner expenses. Receipts will be handed in for reimbursement. All in favor; motion carried.

Ernie Wood still has the piping at his house for the dry hydrant that was to be installed on the Lake Ozonia road. The location right before the bridge at the pond will be checked to see if this is deep enough. A question was asked as to what to do with the hydrant by the town office. Frank Barney suggested this should be cut off below ground level. Another suggestion was made that it would be nice to see some sort of hydrant in the town, as well as up in Lake Ozonia. Locations and installations will be looked at in either June or July.

Old Business – Dale did attend the on-line training and should be receiving a certificate for this.

Dale Nicholson (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn. All in favor; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary/Treasurer