



**HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT**  
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Commissioners Meeting – June 14, 2012

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

Guests: Ben Wood, Steve Parker (Chief), Ernest wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gerald Goldsworth (Mike Opal) made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 10, 2012 meeting with a correction of truck ETA44 not ETA49 for repairs. All in favor; motion carried.

The following claims were presented for payment:

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| National Grid (pre-paid check #1270) | \$101.82 |
| Champlain Communications             | \$293.00 |
| Nicholville Telephone                | \$ 64.95 |
| Town of Hopkinton                    | \$ 60.28 |

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

The June financial report was presented. The beginning balance was \$64,491.07. An insurance check of \$633.17 was deposited and after payment of June claims, there will be a balance of \$60,604.19. Dale Nicholson (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to accept the financial report. All in favor; motion carried.

Privilege of Floor – Ernest Wood reported that any inventory that has been turned in for an insurance claim should be kept until the claim is settled. Also note that most insurance companies are not paying for the replacement of turnout gear; only for repairs. ETA49 repairs have been completed and someone needs to go and pick the truck up.

Chief's Report – Chief Parker reported that 1 hour of OSHA training had been completed in June. This training covered vehicle extrication with ten (10) members. The hydraulic extrication tools and the generator were operated. Equipment was functional. The spring chicken barbeque was held and as everything sold quickly, it was deemed to be successful. Interior physicals dates have been posted and members have been attending. The lost and/or damaged equipment from the Eakins fire has been ordered. Invoices will be forwarded through proper channels for submission to the insurance company. Prices are forthcoming for the porta pond liner replacement and turnout gear. The department is still in the process of getting Pat Pearl a new coat.

Calls for the month included a mutual aid structure fire on 5/12 in St. Regis Falls with 5 members; motor vehicle accident on 5/25 with 9 members; motor vehicle accident on 5/30 with 5 members; a standby for Parishville Fire at the station and mutual aid with Tri-Town Rescue on 6/4. Parade invitations have been received from Hammond Fire (7/12) and St. Regis Falls (7/4).

An updated copy of the training log was given for the files. Mike Opal (Dale Nicholson) made a motion to accept the Chief's report. All in favor; motion carried.

#### New Business –

- (a) Correspondence from North Shore Solutions – a letter was received advertising the company and the development of websites for fire departments and districts. As the department already contracts with someone for the maintenance of the website, it was decided to file this for future references. Also noted was the fact that the Town of Hopkinton already has a contract with this company.
- (b) AFG Grant – Dale is working on the grant application. Last year a thermal imaging camera was requested but we were denied. Dale would like to request this item again this year as he feels it is important to have one available. He asked for suggestions. Following a discussion, it was decided that turnout gear is more important and our time for getting new gear will be approaching in 2014.

#### Old Business –

- (a) Update on ETA49 Repairs – due to the age of the truck, it was decided to not pack the pumps and only put the rear seal in
- (b) Radio Licensing – Sue contacted Earl Svendson of Champlain Communications and he will do the paperwork for \$75. Mike Opal (Dale Nicholson) made a motion for approval of Champlain Communications to process the necessary paperwork at a cost of \$75. All in favor; motion carried.
- (c) Reserve Funds -- A capital reserve and an equipment fund have been established. As chair, Frank Barney will need to also sign at the bank.
- (d) Commissioner Insurance Policy – Sue has received the paperwork and it is almost completed. This will be submitted by the end of the week.

- (e) Diesel Tank – the tank will fit in front of the station. The steps and the wall will need to be treated in order to be compliant. The department members will supply the labor and the commissioners will purchase the cement. It will also need to be checked to see if a slab containment wall is necessary to be built.
- (f) Station cleaning – Frank will check with Sue Lyons to see if she is still interested in cleaning the station. There is a possibility that the members could go back to doing this on a rotational basis.

Dale Nicholson (Mike Opal) made a motion to send a truck to the St. Regis Falls parade on July 4, 2012. All in favor; motion carried.

Frank reported that he and Gerald had attended the commissioner meeting in Dickinson. Dickinson is in the process of purchasing a used truck and they are trading one of theirs in. The truck does have a transmission problem and would probably cost \$5,000-\$6,000 to put a new transmission in. This truck is a 1984 and has a 1000 tank. This truck could possibly get us by until we could afford to upgrade. Dickinson Fire is willing to bring the truck to Hopkinton for the commissioner's review. Dale stated that he doesn't see this as looking forward and is not impressed with the 1000 gallon tank. Mike Opal (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to have Dickinson bring the truck to have the commissioners and chiefs look at it. All in favor; motion carried. Frank will contact Ricky Provost to bring to the next commissioner meeting.

Mike Opal (Gerald Goldsworth) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary