

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
MONTHLY MEETING
1/16/17 @ 4:00PM

Present: Chief Alex Schaeffer, Deputy Chief Andy Kelly, Ambulance Coordinator Brenden Cooney, Retired Capt. Dick Kelly, Retired Asst. Chief Scott Ellis, Retired Lt. Harold Zadeh and Assistant Anita Billings. Paramedic Mike Klimek was also in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 4:03pm by Chief Schaeffer

Reviewed and approved the minutes from the December meeting
Reviewed and approved budget balances

Coastal Medical reports were reviewed and signed by all members present.

The Chief expressed his appreciation for all those who attended Chief Shemeth's send off ceremony at the Selectmen's Meeting

Old Business:

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- New Engine 2 – Alex is still waiting for final engineered drawings before he signs off. Still hoping to be delivered midsummer.
- 267 – Electrical engineers came down. They have ruled out any potential damage we may have caused ourselves. They also ruled out external source. Additional experts are going to come down to look at the electrolysis because they have never seen anything like this before. According to Safeboat, it should still be fixable. \$50,000-\$60,000 to replace bottom.
- 233 – Coolant line went through its transfer case. We thought we could replace it here but we can't. We need to make decision as to how long to wait to send it off. All members present were in agreement it should go off sooner rather than later.
- 223 was up and running but carburetor is now spilling fluids. Ian thinks he has a replacement carburetor. Hopefully he can get to it by the end of the week.

EMS:

- Brenden reported he is the new Ambulance Coordinator.
- We received 2 applications to fill paramedic position. Hopefully setting up interviews next week.
- We received oxygen generator 2 months ago which came with the wrong parts. It's finally up and running. No more trips to SBS !! Alex said we need to get rental tanks back to SBS.
- Additional tasks have been given to full time staff: Brian is now in charge of building maintenance. We are also working to get someone to check on Chappy as well. Mike is in charge of ambulances including 200 and 230. Kate, Josh and new hire will have community outreach projects.
- Brenden reported a meeting was held last week with the Council on Aging to enhance safety checks for seniors. The Board of Health and Town nurse were also at the meeting. There are available courses we can take to enable us to assist seniors with things like replacing detector

batteries etc. without fear of liability. There is a 5 hour "Remembering When" course that we may be able to get here on the Island.

Alex reported the Harbor View has been sold and they brought their alarm system into compliance and is in good standing with our department. The system is now monitored per building so you can identify where alarm is coming from.

New Business:

Budget:

- Alex went over FD and EMS budgets and warrant articles.
- Because there are so many salary changes, the expense budgets were kept to 2.5%
- The Chiefs sat down and discussed what the priorities were in terms of position changes and how they affect the budget. Alex met with the Personnel Board and received a unanimous vote to increase Anita's hours from 25 to 30 per week. We will need to be creative with our budget through the end of the fiscal year to implement many of these changes.
- Warrant Articles – 2 of the 6 articles were knocked off the warrant. Alex talked with Pam and she said the budgets are so high that money has to come from free cash to avoid an override. \$300,000 article for fire truck needs to be postponed this year. Pam also stated that the Police have their feasibility study marked for next year not this year, so Alex made the decision to move our feasibility study as well so we could keep the Ladder truck upgrades on the warrant. In addition to ladder upgrades; the Chappy tanks, FF1 training and the medical rescue trailer articles will remain on the warrant.

Vehicles, Equipment & Maintenance:

- What happened to the garage in a box? It's still in the box because we are waiting for wrap from Geoff. Andy said his guys aren't working right now and could perhaps come here and do the work.
- Andy asked about boats while 267 is out of service. Alex has been checking out the DCR site with no luck. He will work on a plan.

With no further new business, meeting adjourned 4:38pm.