

Commission Meeting
Minutes
April 15, 2009

The Commissioner's meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. in the training room at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 104 Sawmill Lane North Conway, NH. The following were present: Chairman James Umberger, Commissioner Robert Porter, Commissioner John Santuccio, Superintendent David Bernier, Chief Patrick Preece and Recording Secretary Kristine Cluff.

Chairman Umberger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Commissioner Porter motioned and Commissioner Santuccio seconded to adopt the public minutes of March 18, 2009 and April 1, 2009 as written. Motion carried by voice vote 3-0-0.

Fire Department

Membership:

42 Members: Barbara Rosman was made an honorary member by the vote of the membership. One new member was voted on the department, Tee Rendleman which served the department for 11 years before he took 4 months leave of absence, he is a firefighter two and a paramedic. Mr. Rendleman left the department in good standing and has returned in good standing.

Personnel:

Firefighter Ones are still waiting for their test results from the state of New Hampshire. The NCFD is hosting a community EMT class at the fire station. The department has six members taking the class and 20 members of the public taking the class. The class requires 110 hours of classes. These are being held at the department on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The class is scheduled to be completed by summer.

Training:

Engine Three trained at the Seavey Street building, and practiced forcible entry, breaching walls and cutting holes in the roof for ventilation. Rescue training will be review of medical emergencies and protocols updates. The State of New Hampshire has released the new EMS protocols and Chief Preece will be reviewing these shortly.

Department Activities:

Friday was a very busy day for the fire department, due to the loss of a primary power phase throughout the North end of North Conway. Some homes and business had brown out conditions and partial power loss in their buildings. We responded to eleven calls dealing with lost or reduced power.

Community Service; we used the tower truck replaced the ropes on the flag pole at the Post Office.

Emergency Calls:

The fire department has responded to 39 calls for the month of April.

The fire department has responded to 271 calls year to date.

We responded to two separate brush fires at the old drive in property, the first fire burned seven tenths of an acre and the second fire burned a half acre. The fires are ruled to be suspicion in nature and we are still investigating the fires with the assistance of the State Fire Marshal, N.H. Forest Ranger and Conway Police Department. We assisted Bartlett Fire Department with a structure fire at the Lady Blanchard House on the West Side Road and had a nice stop to the fire.

Apparatus / Trucks:

E- 3 We had to put four new tires on the rear of engine three it was deemed the tires to be unsafe (Old Age). This was unanticipated expense to the department. Chief Preece stated he is expecting to ask the Board to consider paying for the tires from the Capital Reserve Fund. Commissioner Porter questioned why all six tires were not replaced. Chief Preece explained the tires are 21 years old but only the rear tires need to be replaced. The front tires will be changed out next year.

Equipment Issues:

The hydro testing of the SCBA bottles was completed on April 2nd and we had five bottles fail out of 48 bottles tested. The bottles that failed were due to corrosion and pitting. Chief Preece suspects this has to do with the old compressor.

Chief Preece is in the process of obtaining quotes to replace them; this is a firefighter safety and health issue. This is an unplanned and unbudgeted expense in this year budget. Ball park price per bottle is \$825.00 per bottle for a total of \$4,125.00. We received the air quality test results back for the SCBA compressor and it passed the Grade E standards.

The SCBA tanks on the air truck are still out being hydro tested. FYI hydro testing is required every five years. SCBA

Purchase for New Equipment

The department received a check for \$180.00 from the Carroll County Haz- Mat Team, for reimbursement for labor cost for one of our technician responded to a Haz- Mat call in Tamworth.

Seavey Street

Chief Preece stated the Seavey Street garage was demolished on Tuesday and that Artie Hill has done a fantastic job with the Seavey Street Project. Chief Preece will update the Board on the building specs.

Maureen Westrick Forbes presented the detailed outline specifications for the new storage garage. Ms Forbes stated the Board could consider using fiber cement or a wood product depending on the product guarantee on the outside of the building. There is also the option of using the 6/12 pitch for the roof. There has been some question with unbalanced snow load. Ms Forbes explained the steeper the roof the more likely the will shed the snow and lessen the snow load. However, when designing she does not discount for snow loads. Superintendent Bernier stated Chief Preece has three local contractors interested in this project and doesn't feel there any further need to go out for more bids. Ms Forbes questioned the names of the contractors and they are Glen Builders, Gordon T. Burke and L.A. Drew.

Superintendent's Report

- Well #2: Found vandalism at Well #2 railings, steps, vehicles rutting property, broken beer bottles etc. Superintendent Bernier updated the Board to the vandalism to Pump Station #2. They tried to gain access to the pump station hatch but were unsuccessful. Superintendent Bernier has made a police report and Bruce Hatch will make repairs to the stairs and railing. We have also lost another five to six feet of land and the pump station is approximately twelve feet from the Saco River. The Precinct has revamped the chain going down to the pump station. Commissioner Porter questioned if motion cameras would be of any benefit in tracking down the vandals. Superintendent Bernier stated that one or two more flood events and we are going to lose the well. The well is under the influence of the surface water and it still appears that we have good clean water.
- Well #6: Attended a meeting with NHDES, CDM and Bill Hounsell, meeting went well. DES asked that the Precinct to submit final report (next two months) and DES will review ASAP. Meeting ended with encouraging news, as a result I gave CDM the green light to start Well #6 Design Work concurrently with the completion of final report. The Precinct has the ability to consider Well #6 a replacement well (i.e. loss of Well #2) and this could circumvent the large ground water withdrawal permitting process.
- 4/10/09 Power Outage: Kearsarge Estates generator failed again for the third time – started it manually. Ran Well #4 with emergency generator. Superintendent Bernier contacted Milton Cat and told them we are still experiencing problem with generator and I want it fixed. This is the generator that arrived with 80 gallons of water in the fuel tank.
- Continue working Contract #7 application with RD & CDM. Attending meeting this afternoon in Concord regarding same. At this time, Contract does not look good for any funding help. Railroad Permit: Sent to Dewhurst for review and Attorney Dewhurst has concern whether the Precinct can't indemnify anyone. The agreement will be forwarded to Attorney Judge for his review.
- Dinsmore Road: Park completed water and sewer work on Dinsmore yesterday.
- Intervale Cross Road: from Randolph Ski Club west to railroad tracks starts today – water, sewer and drain work.
- Kearsarge Road: Completion of temporary water services today – start main replacement tomorrow.
- Depot Road: Northeast Earth up this week. Installed pumps and piping. Working on internal mechanical work.

Stenographer from Annual Meeting:

Superintendent Bernier explained Ms Bowden does not know how much to submit her bill for the annual meeting minutes. It was explained the discussion was between \$400.00 and \$600.00. Commissioner Umberger stated we should pay the top end of \$600.00 and hopefully she will come back next year. A short discussion took place and Commissioner Porter questioned how many hours were involved in this. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Sign Checks

Motion of Commissioner Porter seconded by Commissioner Santuccio to sign checks out of session. Motion carried by voice vote 3-0-0.

Adjourn

Having no further business to discuss, Commissioner Porter motioned and Commissioner Santuccio seconded to adjourn this public meeting at 10: 47 a.m. Motion carried by voice vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully,



Kristine M. Cluff
Recording Secretary