

TOWN OF WEARE, NH  
WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, March 14, 2011  
\*\*Final Copy\*\*

**PRESENT:** Jon Osborne, Chairman; Scott Dinsmore, Steve Roberts, Dave Hewey, Tim Maskiell, Robert Richards, Frederick Hippler, Sheila Savaria, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:** Jan Snyder

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jon Osborne called the meeting to order at 6:30 at the Safety Complex and welcomed Tim Maskiell as a new member to the Board and Assistant Chief Richards who took over for Chief Eaton.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jan Snyder questioned what Ray Eaton is asking to be paid for in his 20 hours. The Board explained what he is doing and says he only gets paid for inspections when he does them. Ms. Snyder disagrees that Mr. Eaton's time sheets reflect that.

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

Minutes: – Dave Hewey moved to accept the February 14, 2011 minutes as written; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor. Tim Maskiell abstained.

Dan Gorman spoke with Mike Emerson, the contact for EMS Billing Solutions, about insurance billing. Mr. Emerson strongly feels Weare charges too little and should raise rates by 25%. He also recommends ending the current contract with Blue Cross. Mr. Gorman questioned who had the authority to set the rates, the Board of Fire Wards or Selectmen? Jon Osborne agreed to check minutes from previous meetings because the Board feels this has been answered before. Robert Richards discussed the negligent fee ordinance in which fees are collected from people who caused the emergency service. Currently, there is no way to bill this, and Mr. Richards would like to see Mr. Emerson handle this as well. Mr. Gorman agreed to try and have Mr. Emerson come to the next meeting.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Robert Richards Updates: Mr. Richards told the Board that in the last 2 months, the Department has spent just under \$32,000 of the budget. Also, he feels Mark Bluteau should keep the Training Coordinator position until a new Chief is hired. Steve Roberts feels the Board should fill the Lieutenant's position that is vacant, then have additional workshops to see what the needs are for other Officer positions. By March 15 or 16, the tanker will be back in service. In a couple of weeks there will be ladder truck and ground water testing. There will be a pump test scheduled around May, which Mr. Richards feels will fail and cost around \$4,500 to repair. The Department will use Perkins for the pump test. Engine 1 had an \$800 problem with the radiator, but has been repaired and is now back in service. There are about 70 pages of Dispatch policies that are being reviewed. Mr. Richards does not feel there will be a lot of changes other than making policies consistent between towns. There is a meeting on the Dispatch policy review on March 18, and somebody from the BOFW should be present. In regards to pagers, the article passed at Town voting, Mr. Roberts put in a request for 4 pagers from 4 different vendors, and has received 2 so far. The Department decided to go with the Motorola Minitor brand. Mr. Roberts suggested sticking with the R&R Communications warranty for these pagers instead of the 2 year extended warranty offered through Motorola. R&R Communications said they would reprogram all the 750's for free. There was an email from Goffstown Fire Department saying they are now charging \$300

for a Paramedic Intercept Fee if one of their paramedics has patient contact and engages in patient care while assisting the WFD. Also, there was an email from New Boston asking the Department to switch to a different channel because the one they currently use is disruptive to Dispatch. Mr. Roberts suggests switching to 860 so Base 100 can still hear them. The Protective clothing has not been ordered yet because what is being used currently has gotten too expensive. Mr. Roberts showed the Board several samples of other fabrics that have been burn tested. Each suit would cost approximately \$1700 - \$1900.

Tim Maskiell asked about the status of the Chief's position. The Board explained the applications are due April 15. About a week after that, the Board will meet to review and possibly eliminate some. So far, Naomi Bolton and possibly Goffstown Chief Richard O'Brien have agreed to be on the interview board. By the first part of June, the Board plans to have narrowed it down to one person, and hopes to get them hired before July.

There was an additional meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 24 at the Safety Complex, to discuss the Chief's qualifications and Lieutenant's position.

**V: ADJOURNMENT:** As there were no further matters to discuss before the board, Scott Dinsmore moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm; Dave Hewey seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Savaria  
Recording Secretary