



Town of Weare Board of Firewards

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WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 11, 2014

PRESENT: Frederick Hippler, Vice Chair, Tim Maskiell, Non-Member, Scott Dinsmore, Member, Robert Vezina, Fire Chief, Steve Roberts, Non-Member and Wendy Stevens, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: Scott & Michelle Foote

I: CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Hippler opened the meeting at the Safety Complex at 6:31 pm.

II: PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

III: OTHER BUSINESS:

The July 14th minutes were reviewed. Mr. Dinsmore made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Maskiell seconded. The minutes were approved 4-0-2 with Mr. Roberts & Vice Chair Hippler abstaining.

IV: DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATION, SCOTT & MICHELLE FOOTE, Tax Map #411, Lot #351-2, Rural-Agr, 139 OLD FRANCESTOWN ROAD

The driveway specs were reviewed. Mr. Dinsmore stated the driveway is 350 feet long. Chief Vezina stated he has taken a look at it and it is fairly flat, and distance is the only issue. He recommends that as long as he followed the dimensional requirements that we have, that we give approval for the design. Vice Chair Hippler asked if it was all one lot? Mr. Foote replied yes. Mr. Dinsmore made a motion to approve the driveway. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V: CONDO MINIMIZATION, LYNDIA R. TOWNES, 64 A&B, 66 & 68 N. STARK HWY (EAST SIDE), TAX MAP #203, LOT #44.1 IN A VILLAGE ZONE WITH A COMM/IND USE
Chief Vezina clarified they are existing buildings that they would like to make into office condominiums. The Board of Firewards had no comment.

VI: REVIEW DRIVEWAY REGULATIONS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Roberts stated in the first paragraph of the draft version of the Driveway Regulations, the approval should be by the Board of Firewards and not by the Fire Chief. Mr. Roberts suggested language saying "the Board of Firewards or their designee" throughout the documentation, including section 4j where it mentions the lock box. The board agreed.

VII: MONTHLY REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Vezina shared the monthly report of the Fire Department which has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen. They have sent four people to become Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and he expects all four to become licensed. The Fire Department sponsored a basic EMT class which ended last week, and three of four have passed their tests and he expects to have four new EMTs shortly. This will allow them to better cover the schedule. Line items were reviewed, some of which were overexpended, with concerns being fuel, pre-employment physicals, and intercepts. The Chief stated he expects all expenses to be contained within the bottom line of the budget.

Chief Vezina discussed the SCBA Grant, and the federal government fully funded other grantees' apparatus portions, and it may not be awarded to Weare this year. Mr. Roberts asked if we should budget for the expense.

Chief Vezina stated if it is not awarded this year, next year they could go to the voters. Chief Vezina stated that Ambulance 1 has a new drive shaft, a wheel bearing and also the brakes have been repaired which was relatively inexpensive. Engine 2 needs an oil change. Chief Vezina stated it was good to have a third party do the repairs on the town's trucks, having a knowledgeable and neutral third party be responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles. Mr. Roberts asked if there was a return report when somebody returns from a call. Mr. Roberts recommended a post-trip sheet. He added those worked very well as not everybody is there at night, and there were many different drivers. Chief Vezina stated they will look at it from an organizational standpoint and as a budget line issue, and that it would come down to persistence and making sure the checklist gets used.

VIII: GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Roberts stated with driveways, if they exceed the footage, he would like to see a plan or process in place that the Chief or someone he designated does a plan review and/or site walk. He also feels there should be a cut-off date for applicants to come before the Board of Firewards with an application, perhaps a week before the meeting so they have enough time to adequately review the information.

IX: ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dinsmore made a motion to adjourn at 7:21pm. Mr. Maskiell seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A true record.

Wendy Stevens,
Recording Secretary