

Weare Board of Fire Wards

Final Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Steve Roberts at 7:00 pm.

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Roberts ó Chair/non-member, George P. Beaudette - Vice-Chair/member, Scott Dinsmore ó member, Robert Vezina - Fire Chief, David Hewey Sr. - member, Tim Maskiell ó non-member

B. RECORDING SECRETARY: Tina Ripley

C. GUESTS: There were none.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ó There was none.

III. COMMUNICATIONS – There was none.

IV. MINUTES – Scott Dinsmore motioned to accept August 10, 2015 minutes as presented. Seconded by Chief Vezina. Motion passed. 5-0-1. Chief Vezina motioned to accepted December 14, 2015 minutes as amended. Tim Maskiell seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-1

V. OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS ó Chief Vezina said he would like to ask the Board of Firewards to authorize him to apply for Assistant for Firefighterø Grant for SCBAø(Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). Chief Vezina said the air bottles have a life of fifteen years and expire September 2017. Chief Vezina said the grant request is about \$190,000. Scott Dinsmore made a motion to authorize the Chief to apply for the grant. Tim Maskiell seconded. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

Scott Dinsmore asked what happens if the grant donø get approved and the Chief said it would be in the Capital Budget for next year. Chief Vezina said there are three different options to go: 1) new, cost about \$190,000, 2) refurbished units (not the current year) with air bottles that have about 10 years life expectancy left in them, 3) buy brand new air bottles and 4) at the Goffstown Fire Department ó you can lease the SCBA. Chief Vezina said it would be \$50,000-\$60.000/year if they leased the SCBAø or can purchase for \$180,000-\$190,000.

VII. CHIEF'S REPORT ó Chief Vezina said they received their EMS report from Comstar and they collected \$127,893 for the year. Scott Dinsmore asked how many calls and Chief Venzina said they transported 273 patients. Chief Vezina said in 2014 they transported 290 patients. Chief Vezina said there were changes in company, billing practices, and rates. Chief Vezina said he knows they are doing a lot of high level care due to the higher level skilled people(advanced EMTø) during the day then at night. Chief Vezina said in 2015 we transported the least and collected the most out of the last four years.

Chief Vezina said at the Deliberative Session in 2015 they pulled a warrant article and zeroed it out since they didn't have the track record to have them trust us.

Chief Vezina said they did 738 calls in 2015 which 102 or 14% overlap another incident.

Chief Vezina said they see most of their calls in the per diem hours. George Beaudette said the Police Department helps out at night until they have to leave. George Beaudette said they are very helpful, tactful, service-oriented.

VIII. ADJOURN ó Scott Dinsmore motioned to adjourn. George Beaudette seconded. Motion passed.