

TOWN OF WEARE, NH
WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 9, 2011
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PRESENT: Jon Osborne, Chairman; Steve Roberts, Dave Hewey, Tim Maskiell,
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 Town Offices.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jan Snyder questioned an invoice that was discussed at the last meeting regarding the tanker repair. Ms. Snyder feels that because the Department was not charged for the first repair in 2007, and Valley Fire knew something was wrong with it, there should be no charge for the subsequent 3 times its been repaired since then. Ms. Snyder feels someone from the Town should write the company a letter to explain the Department's position.

Steve Roberts asked the Board if they felt they should meet with the Selectmen or the Town Administrator about this invoice and what to do in the future about tank repairs. Also, Mr. Roberts feels its important to get a list of all the times the tanker has been back and forth to Valley Fire, and logs of how often it has been in and out of service. Jon Osborne said he had asked Tina Connor for copies of old invoices from Valley, but there weren't any because there had never been a charge. Chairman Osborne will speak with the Town Administrator again to see where they stand with this invoice and will have the Department's Secretary look into service logs for the tanker.

III. OTHER BUSINESS:

Minutes: Frederick Hippler moved to approve the April 18, 2011 minutes as written; Tim Maskiell seconded, all voted in favor.

Ambulance Billing: There is no new information on ambulance billing. The Town Administrator would like to hold a public hearing in June along with Public Works about raising rates. Chairman Osborne is going to ask to have that hearing moved to July for the Fire Department so they can get more information. Mr. Roberts told the Board he had spoken with someone who agreed to meet with the Board to answer any questions they have regarding billing. There will be no charge for this initial meeting unless the Board uses this person for his services. The Town Administrator will be present for that meeting, and the Board will likely schedule a work session for it.

Chief's Position: Chairman Osborne said there were 13 applicants for the position. Naomi Bolton, Chief O'Brien, and Chief McDonald reviewed them and narrowed it down to three. Chairman Osborne asked that the number be moved up to 5, which Ms. Bolton agreed to. The two Chiefs who reviewed the applications strongly suggested having Board members present for the initial interview; Dave Hewey and Steve Roberts agreed to be present for the interview. After the 5 applicants are interviewed, the top 2 will meet with the Board, who will decide on the final person.

Dave Hewey: Mr. Hewey would like to add in the new lawn care contract that any new cisterns that are installed are automatically the contractors responsibility. Mr. Roberts feels it should also be added in the contract that a new cistern should be a set price.

Steve Roberts: Mr. Roberts wanted to commend the Department for handling 2 recent back-to-

back medical calls efficiently. He said he was proud of them for doing a great job.

IV: ADJOURNMENT: As there were no further matters to discuss before the board, Frederick Hippler moved to adjourn at 6:55 pm; Steve Roberts seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Savaria
Recording Secretary