

TOWN OF WEARE, NH  
WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 18, 2011  
\*\*Draft Copy\*\*

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

**GUESTS:** Jan Snyder, Bill Tiffany

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jon Osborne called the meeting to order at 6:30 at the Safety Complex.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jan Snyder discussed billing issues that were brought up at the last meeting. Ms. Snyder said it was decided that the rates needed to be changed at the May 2010 meeting, but that never happened.

Scott Lanier came to the Board to discuss his proposed driveway plan on Concord Stage Road. The Board questioned whether they could get a fire truck up the driveway and turn around since there isn't a 50' radius. Mr. Lanier asked the Board if he could widen a portion of the driveway so the trucks could back down to turnaround, but the Board said they would rather not back down. Also, Mr. Lanier needs a 20' x 50' pull off every 250' for the fire trucks to pass each other, and the property has to be sprinkled because it is approximately 800' off of Concord Stage Road and the nearest water source.

Dave Hewey moved to require the house to be sprinkled and a 50' radius turnaround be required on the south exit side of the driveway; Scott Dinsmore seconded, all voted in favor.

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

Bill Tiffany was presented a plaque by Jon Osborne for 18 years of service with the Board of Fire Wards.

Election of Officers: Dave Hewey moved to nominate Jon Osborne as Chairman of the Board of Fire Wards for the ensuing year; Scott Dinsmore seconded. Six members voted in favor, Jon Osborne abstained.

Dave Hewey moved to nominate Frederick Hippler as Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Wards for the ensuing year; Scott Dinsmore seconded. Six members voted in favor, Frederick Hippler abstained.

Non-Public Session per RSA 91:3 a and c: Ambulance billing write-offs – Jon Osborne moved to go into a non-public session per RSA 91:3 a&c at 7:00 pm; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

Jon Osborne moved to come out of the non-public session at 7:20 pm; Scott Dinsmore seconded, all voted in favor.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Minutes: Scott Dinsmore moved to approve the March 14, 2011 minutes as written; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

Frederick Hippler moved to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes as written; Steve Roberts

seconded, all voted in favor.

Frederick Hippler moved to approve the March 28, 2011 minutes as amended; Scott Dinsmore seconded, all voted in favor.

Asst. Chief Richards:

Tanker Invoice - Asst. Chief Richards explained that there was a invoice for the tanker to be pulled and repaired a second time after it started to leak again after its first repair. Steve Roberts suggested the Board look into the lemon law to see if this might qualify since the truck is only a 2006. Scott Dinsmore suggested consulting the Town attorney to see if they should be responsible for the invoice. Scott Dinsmore moved to get a legal opinion on the invoice from Valley Fire; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

Dispatch Policies – Weare, Goffstown, and New Boston met to attempt to coordinate all 3 towns so they have the same dispatch policies. Also, Police Chief Sullivan from Goffstown asked the Weare Fire Dept. to sign a 3-year contract that would expire in March of 2014. There would be no increase to the current rate of \$860.74/month.

Other – Mr. Richards told the Board he had decided to purchase the Jamesville protective clothing and they will be purchasing 6 sets instead of 4 within the same budget. The radio has been fixed on Engine 1. There had been a wet smell on Ambulance 1, which was determined to be coming from a torn gasket that allowed water to leak. This problem will be repaired and the truck will be back in service April 19 or 20. Engine 2 was put out of service after it wouldn't prime during recent dry hydrant testing. The problem has since been fixed and it is back in service. Engine 4 was found to have a rot hole that will be fixed by April 19 or 20. The ladder truck failed inspection by Diversified reportedly for a part that does not even exist on the truck. The company who was supposed to fix that problem agreed to call Diversified and discuss the issue. They also made an appointment to have it inspected by someone in-house who was familiar with the truck. The Board agreed they should not be responsible for paying the inspection bill from Diversified since they failed the truck for a part that does not exist.

Dan Gorman: Mr. Gorman discussed the Fire Departments current billing company that wants them to increase rates by 25% and drop Anthem. The representative declined the request to speak with the Board and didn't return emails from Mr. Gorman regarding how Weare compared to other towns in terms of rates. It is still unclear who is responsible for determining increases in billing rates, but Mr. Gorman was able to find an unsigned 2009 policy that he suggest the Board work from to make changes and consider adopting. Steve Roberts suggested consulting an independent billing consultant for their input and assistance developing policies. Mr. Roberts agreed to contact a consultant to possibly meet with the Board and determine what their rates would be.

Jon Osborne: In regards to the new Chief's position, Mr. Osborne to the Board that there were approximately 12 applicants whose applications will be reviewed and will leave 5 or 6 to be interviewed by Chief McDonald from New Boston, Chief O'Brien from Goffstown, and Naomi Bolton, the Town Administrator. This interview would get the applicants down to 3 for the Board to interview, which will ultimately determine the final applicant.

Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustments:

Verna Martin, Map 408, Lot 44, Mt. Dearborn Road – After reviewing the subdivision plans, the Board had no safety concerns. Frederick Hippler moved to approve the subdivision plans of Verna Martin; Scott Dinsmore seconded, all voted in favor.

Richard & Susan Chiocca, Map 410, Lot 97, Poor Farm Road - After reviewing the subdivision

plans, the Board had no safety concerns. Dave Hewey moved to approve the subdivision plans for the Chiocca's; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

Terry Knowles, Map 408, Lot 62 & 63, Mount Dearborn Road - After reviewing the lot line adjustment plans, the Board had no safety concerns. Scott Dinsmore moved to approve the plans for a line adjustment for Terry Knowles; Tim Maskiell seconded, all voted in favor.

Elson and Carol Townes & Randy Belieu, Map 201, Lots 112 & 112.7, Reservoir Drive - After reviewing the lot line adjustment plans, the Board had no safety concerns. Scott Dinsmore moved to approve the Townes/Belieu lot line adjustment plans; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

**V: ADJOURNMENT:** As there were no further matters to discuss before the board, Scott Dinsmore moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm; Frederick Hippler seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Savaria  
Recording Secretary