



# *Town of Weare*

## *Board of Firewards*

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### Board of Firewards

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Tim Maskiell, Non-Member  
Steve Roberts, Non-Member  
Robert Vezina, Fire Chief

## **WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 14, 2014

**PRESENT:** Jon Osborne, Tim Maskiell, Dave Hewey, Sr., Robert Vezina, Scott Dinsmore & Wendy Stevens,  
Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:** Leon Taylor, Travis Wampler

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Osborne opened the meeting at the Safety Complex at 6:33 pm.

### **II. LEON TAYLOR COMMENDATION LETTER**

Chairman Osborne presented Leon Taylor with a letter of recognition for his recent commendation letter from the State of New Hampshire for his 70 years of service to the Weare Fire Department. Chairman Osborne stated he was a dedicated person with infinite knowledge of the department that he would unselfishly pass along to others, and he congratulated him on a well deserved honor.

Mr. Taylor said he was asked if he remembered his first fire, and he didn't remember, but after checking his notes and cobwebs, his first alarm was at the telephone company. A woman called in and said she could smell smoke so she touched off the siren at the town hall. He was driving by and he stopped. He went out to the shed and he took a flashlight, and back in those days, it was a two cell with a magnifying lens with a capacity of about 4 feet. He could see some leaves and smell smoke, but the shed door was only slightly open. He crawled up in there and sure enough there were some leaves smoldering. He went back and asked for water, just a little bit. She handed him a quart milk bottle about half filled with water. He said the door was so low, he couldn't reach the fire. So he thought maybe he could spit on it. He asked if anyone tried spitting out of a milk bottle while laying on their side? He said he did crawl through and put the thing out. After it was out, he said to the woman that water had a taste to it, and she said yes, oh yes, that's water from down cellar, that's hard cider.

Pictures were taken and Mr. Taylor was applauded.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Osborne asked if anyone had a public comment? There was none.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

The June 9<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed. Mr. Dinsmore made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Mr. Maskiell seconded. The vote was unanimous.

### **V. TRAVIS WAMPLER, LOT #43 POND VIEW RD. PROPOSED DRIVEWAY**

Chief Vezina said he has looked at the site twice, and the slope is much less after fill has been added. The issue that exists is the slope exceeds the 10% that is stated in the Subdivision Regulations. He added the driveway is just over 150 feet, and the dimensions that we require exist on the ground, the issue is simply the slope. He stated given the condition of Pond View Rd., the limiting factor is not the driveway, it is the road. The Chief thinks the driveway is satisfactory and there could be a conditional approval that could be given. Chairman Osborne asked what is the slope? Mr. Wampler stated it was at 16% before addressed, and after adding fill, he thinks it is between 12 and 13% now. He added the main

slope is within 100 feet of the road and the last 50 feet are fairly flat. Mr. Dinsmore asked what about a place to put the truck? Chief Vezina responded because we are at the 150 foot mark, it doesn't require a turnaround. Chief Vezina stated it is not a town maintained road. Mr. Dinsmore asked was there a place down below to get a truck off to the side? Chief Vezina responded there is an ability to get into a driveway to get off the road. He stated all of the dwellings there, they are talking 10,000 gallons at the most. Chief Vezina recalled answering an oil tank call a few years ago and there is little room on Pond View Rd. itself. Mr. Dinsmore suggested Mr. Wampler think about having some of his own protective fire measures as he is building the house, and he might want to place pipes in the walls for a system. Mr. Dinsmore made a motion that we grant a conditional approval of the proposed driveway on Pond View Rd. Lot #43. Mr. Hewey seconded. Chief Vezina added because it exceeds the requirement for the percent of grade, they will give a conditional approval and it will go back to the Planning Board for their approval. Chairman Osborne acknowledged that the Planning Board has final say. All were in favor of the motion. Chairman Osborne stated he would send a letter to Mr. Meany.

**VI. WILLIAM BOISVERT LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT  
RT. 114 & S. WEARE MOBILE HOME PARK**

Chairman Osborne stated he did not see any issues with the lot line adjustment.

**VII. WILLIAM BOISVERT CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SHARED DRIVEWAY  
RT 114 & S. WEARE MOBILE HOME PARK**

The permit and map were reviewed and the Board of Firewards had no comment.

**VIII. OPERATION UPDATES**

Chief Vezina stated the SCBA grant is still moving forward and he expects the call soon.

They are working on an intercept agreement between Bedford and Goffstown. Mr. Dinsmore asked if we charge for our intercepts? Chief Vezina stated yes, we do and have charged for intercepts with several towns.

Chief Vezina stated the pump testing has been completed and there are small repairs to be made but the equipment is in good shape.

Chief Vezina stated they are working on a study regarding fleet size and need to start working towards a number. Mr. Dinsmore stated he would hate to lose any trucks. Chief Vezina stated they need to look at how often the equipment is used.

Chief Vezina stated they are waiting to get their Hurst tools back from repairs.

Mr. Maskiell left the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Mr. Dinsmore asked about Ambulance 2's siren. Chief Vezina responded that it has a short and he is attempting to get that fixed under warranty.

Chairman Osborne asked if everything went well with fourth of July celebrations? The group discussed a few calls but generally all went well.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dinsmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Mr. Hewey seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

A true record.

*Wendy Stevens,*  
Recording Secretary

