



Town of Weare Board of Firewards

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WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2014

PRESENT: Jon Osborne, Chairman, Frederick Hippler, Vice Chair, Dave Hewey Sr., Member, Tim Maskiell, Non-Member, Robert Vezina, Fire Chief, and Wendy Stevens, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: None.

I: CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Osborne opened the meeting at the Safety Complex at 6:40 pm.

II: PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

III: OTHER BUSINESS:

The August 11th minutes were reviewed. Vice Chair Hippler made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Maskiell seconded. The vote passed 4-0-1 with Chairman Osborne abstaining due to absence.

IV: SITE PLAN/CHANGE OF USE, THOMAS TREMBLAY, 445 SOUTH STARK HIGHWAY, MAP 412 LOT 247, CHANGE RESIDENTIAL USE TO COMMERCIAL IN A COMMERCIAL ZONE.

Mr. Siciliano's drawing was reviewed including the length of the driveway. Chief Vezina noted the width of the driveway and generally did not see a problem with access. The Board had no comment.

V: DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATION, TOM GIAVAGNOLL, S. SUGAR HILL AND DUNBAR ROAD, MAP AND LOT 406-38.

Chief Vezina stated he spoke with Mr. Giavagnoll and originally there was a discussion about bringing a driveway off of S. Sugar Hill due to the non-maintained state of the road. The Chief visited the site today and noted little elevation to the driveway. He did not see any issues from the driveway perspective and noted the road is in decent shape. Mr. Hewey stated he did not see any issue with the application. Chairman Osborne agreed as the parcel is all open land. Chief Vezina made a motion to conditionally approve the driveway as presented. Vice Chair Hippler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

VI: MONTHLY REPORT

The operating budget and incident numbers were reviewed. The Chief added they are starting to see the benefit of their advanced EMTs, and they are awaiting four more basic EMTs who are completing testing as well as an existing EMT who is advancing in his medical services. They are pleased to see that progress is being made.

Chief Vezina presented a spreadsheet regarding his hours and stated it is no surprise that he spends more than 25 hours a week fulfilling his duties. The Board reviewed the hours among the different departments. He noted his add-on hours for inspections and compared full time employees with benefits vs. part-time with no benefits. Chairman Osborne stated he checked with Naomi Bolton and the Local Government Center to compare similar towns and what they have for Fire Chiefs in terms of full time or part time. Chief Vezina stated he thinks there is a need for hours into the weekend, and it will keep evolving. Chairman Osborne stated he did not doubt at all that it should be full time. Chief Vezina asked how do we make weekend day coverage reality, as he thinks there is a big benefit there. He noted that last weekend, mutual aid needed to be used a couple of times, so they still aren't covering 100% of their calls. Chief Vezina mentioned utilizing the per diem funds. He added he just assume go to the voters for the funds. He added that the per diem hours were used for the first 4

months of this year, and as long as they have the funds they would utilize them. Mr. Maskiell stated he has no problem looking into the study. Chief Vezina summarized in terms of the goal of attaining full weekend coverage, rearranging people's work schedules can be done. Vice Chair Hippler said he liked the idea of getting somebody who could run the truck and also had EMT skills.

VII: ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Osborne made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Chief Vezina seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A true record.

Wendy Stevens,
Recording Secretary