Weare Board of Fire Wards

Final Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

- **A. MEMBERS PRESENT**: Steve Roberts ó Chair/non-member, David Hewey Sr.- member, Jon Osborne non-member, Scott Dinsmore ó member, Robert Vezina Fire Chief, Tim Maskiell non-member
- **B. RECORDING SECRETARY**: Tina Ripley
- C. GUESTS: none
- **II. COMMUNICATIONS** There was none.
- **III. MINUTES** Chief Vezina motioned to accept the meeting minutes of January 11, 2016 and February 8, 2016 as presented. Tim Maskiell seconded. Motion passed. 6-0-0.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS Steve Roberts asked about driveway issues. Chief Vezina said the two things that we talked about last time and gave approval and need to work it out with the two parties. Chief Vezina said he hasn't seen or heard anything from either of them. Tim Maskiell asked if it was Lambert and Chief Vezina said it was Wortherly Road and a new one and said there is rumor there is a third one in the works. Steve Roberts asked if they are still going to move forward with a Class VI/Class V and asked if anyone talked to the Planning Board. Chief Vezina said he talked to Jack Dearborn of the Zoning Board and said he would content to through it back on Chapter 18 which is the Access and Fire Codes. Chief Vezina said he would like to see the Town develop some sort of standardized process for how they are going to handle these. Steve Roberts said he is wondering if they should have a cut of one. Chief Vezina said he is not sure where anybody stands in the process. Chief Vezina said he would like to see the Town develop a policy similar to a lot of other towns that spell out what the process is and what are we willing to do and when should the road standard kick in. Tim Maskiell said there if they are going to start approving these, is no need to have the driveway regulations if the roads are not going to up to where they need to be. Steve Roberts asked if a Class VI is a Town owned but not maintained by the Town and Chief Vezina said yes. Steve Roberts said the only difference between a Class V and a Class VI road is the Town maintains a Class V and not a Class VI.
- V. NEW BUSINESS Chief Vezina said he would like to purchase Class A uniforms (dress uniforms) for the department. Chief Vezina said it would be about \$400-\$500 fully loaded out per individual. Tim Maskiell asked if it would go to certain individuals and Chief Vezina said they looked at phasing it in over time. Chief Vezina said if it is an official part of the uniform process/policy then the rule takes it provides uniforms for its employees. Steve Roberts said in one department he had to buy his own and in another department he received it after he got off probation. Steve Roberts said it is hard to shell out a lot of money until you know the commitment is there. Tim Maskiell asked if there could be a policy where the cost

could be split. Chief Vezina said there are a number of ways to make sure they have commitment from the individual before we went out and did anything for them. Steve Roberts asked if the standard for the uniforms is spelled out and Chief Vezina said somewhere. Steve Roberts said what is talking about is uniform standards to improve the Class B, C and A uniforms. Chief Vezina said he doesn't know if it includes all of those. Steve Roberts said you do golf shirts right, and Chief Vezina said yes and t-shirts, job shirts, sweatshirts. Chief Vezina said they don't typically buy pants but they will replace them. Chief Vezina said they don't buy any leather goods, but the work boots would be covered under the policy. Steve Roberts said he thinks it is important to have the standard and start working towards it. Dave Hewey motioned for Chief Vezina to pursue looking into Class A uniforms for the department. Scott Dinsmore seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-1.

<u>Election of Officers</u> - Steve Roberts said he wanted to do election of officers but George is not here. Steve Roberts asked if they wanted to put it off until next month. Scott Dinsmore made a motion to keep the officers the way they are. David Hewey seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-1

VI. CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief Vezina said they brought in \$30,000 in revenue which is \$10,000/month which is the target. Chief Vezina said in the operating budget they spent \$70,000. Chief Vezina said the ambulance specs have and adjusted price of \$224,00 which is down from the \$238,000 they went into budget with. Chief Vezina said they are waiting for the final price, drawing and completion. Chief Vezina said they did secure a cab and chaise and said they received the okay from the Board of Selectman two weeks ago. Chief Vezina said it will save them about twenty weeks of construction. Chief Vezina said they are looking for a cab and chaise for the Forestry vehicle. Chief Vezina said due to the timing the plant doesn't accept any orders because it is a state bid truck. Chief Vezina said the cab and chaise (Ford) is the same as the ambulance and they stopped making them sometime in March. Chief Vezina said they are not going to gear up until later this year. Chief Vezina said there is a cab and chaise out there that was ordered for another community and they are not going to buy it but it is diesel. Chief Vezina said it is not necessarily a down side but it is a diesel vs gas and \$5,000 more than they thought they might spend. Chief Vezina said the originally specs they went into budget (CIP) with just had a cab and chaise provided to us by the builder and it is \$1,000 less than what he allotted us for a cab and chaise. Chief Vezina said money wise they would be okay.

Chief Vezina said for vehicle application equipment, they had three vendors come in on April 2 (Hamatros, Herts and Amco). Chief Vezina said two of the three have a fair share of the market fair. Chief Vezina said they demonstrated their stuff and said they sent out an RFP out after to those three vendors for the tool that is due back at the end of April.

Chief Vezina said they have had about 60 incidents a month. Chief Vezina said they have had 8 motor vehicle accidents.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Scott Dinsmore motioned to adjourn. Tim Maskiell seconded. Motion passed. 6-0-0.