

TOWN OF WEARE, NH
WEARE BOARD OF FIRE WARDS
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 13, 2012
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PRESENT: Jon Osborne, Chairman; Dave Hewey, Tim Maskiell, Scott Dinsmore, Steve Roberts, Chief Bob Vezina, Sheila Savaria, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER: Jon Osborne opened the meeting at 6:30 pm at the Weare Town Office Building.

II: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Chief's Term: Jon Osborne said that in 1994 the town had voted for the Chief's term to be 1 year, and he is asking that they create an article to change that. The Board will discuss this with the Board of Selectmen next week. Steve Roberts suggested they get a legal opinion and do some research to make sure they are in compliance with the RSA's. The Board also agreed to make an article to put the per diem pay of \$90,000 in the operating budget instead of the revenue fund.

Ambulance Billing: The Fire Department currently has no contract with a billing company. Town Administrator, Naomi Bolton wants a contract and found a few companies to get bids from. Before the contract goes out for bid, the Board feels there are issues that need to be addressed, such as rates and residency, whether the patient or the insurance company gets billed, and who has the authority to set rates. The Board also discussed Medicare and creating a hardship committee for residents who claim they cannot afford to pay.

Dissolution of the Board of Fire Wards: Dave Hewey moved to leave the Board as is, and make no changes; Tim Maskiell seconded. Steve Roberts questioned what the Board's duties are? They have no authority over the budget, and he doesn't feel they are qualified to deal with all personnel issues. Most members of the Board feel it is not important to meet every month. Chief Vezina says while it may be somewhat cumbersome, it may bring a different perspective to some issues. Further, he says there are some issues that should go to him and sometimes there are things he is working on that gets slowed down because he has to wait to meet with the Board. The Board will meet with the Selectmen on August 20, and will discuss it with them then. Mr. Hewey withdrew his motion.

Minutes: Tim Maskiell moved to accept the June 11, 2012 minutes as written; Scott Dinsmore seconded, all voted in favor. Steve Roberts abstained.

Scott Dinsmore moved to accept the July 9, 2012 minutes as written; Steve Roberts seconded, all voted in favor.

III. OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief Vezina, Driveways: Scott Dinsmore moved to accept the driveway regulations as presented by Chief Vezina; Dave Hewey seconded. Discussion: Chief Vezina said the regulations may not be complete and should have an NFPA chapter. Scott amended his motion to include that 'the regulations are based on NFPA-1, Chapter 1'. All voted in favor of accepting the driveway regulations.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the Board, Scott Dinsmore moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm, Dave Hewey seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Savaria
Recording Secretary