

# Final Minutes for Board of Fire Wards – 11/2017

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## Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of Board of Fire Wards was held on November 13, 2017, at the Safety Complex. It began at 6:15 p.m. and was presided over by Steve Roberts, Chairman, with Robert Vezina, Fire Chief, as secretary.

## Attendees

Members in attendance included: Chairman S. Roberts, Fire Chief R. Vezina, and Capt. D. Hewey, and R. Houde.

## Communications

None.

## Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 2017, Houde/Hewey – Passed.

## Old Business

### SCBA

The Board was updated on the expected delivery date.

### Budget:

Fire Chief is presenting the proposed budget November 27th. EOY Projections look good.

### Extended Coverage

Extended coverage is proceeding as expected, which is positive.

### Administrative Assistant Position:

A brief update regarding the AA position: In the past week, there have been two occasions where having a responder in the position has allowed for increased level of service.

## New Business

### Wages

The Fire Chief proposed an increase of \$1.00 per hour to each of the skill levels. In a comparison to neighboring communities, Deering, Antrim, and Hillsborough, the Chief found that EMS skills were being compensated at a higher rate than WFD. Wages for skilled employees had lagged behind other entry level Town positions as well. Further, the opportunity to increase the rate per skill level can be contained in the current budget numbers.

- Motion to approve adding \$1.00 per hour per skill level within budget as presented by the Fire Chief beginning December 1. Hewey/Houde - Passed.

### Ladder

The Board was informed of the catastrophic failure of the Ladder Truck aerial. Primex has been notified and will be assessing the condition of the truck.

### Engine 5

The Board was informed of the issue regarding the pump on E5. Perkins Fire Equipment has been notified and will be repairing the truck this week.

### Nonpublic Session

- Motion to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3II (c) @ 7:27 p.m by Roberts/Houde. A roll call vote was taken, S. Roberts – Yes; R. Vezina – Yes; D. Hewey – Yes; R. Houde – Yes; Passed.
- Motion to exit from the nonpublic session @ 7:32 p.m by Roberts/Houde. A roll call vote was taken, S. Roberts – Yes; R. Vezina – Yes; D. Hewey – Yes; R. Houde – Yes; Passed.
- Motion to Seal & Restrict the minutes of the nonpublic session. Roberts/Hewey. Passed.

## Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Vezina/Roberts – Passed.

## Submitted By R. Vezina