

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Commissioners' Meeting

Meeting called by:	Commissioners	Date, Time:	April 23, 2009 at 18:04
Note taker:	Kathy Tobine	Place:	Tilton School, new Academic Building, School Street, 1 st Floor 9 th Grade Classroom, Tilton

Attendees: Commissioners Paul Auger, Tom Gallant and Kevin Waldron, Treasurer Roland Seymour, Chief Stephen Carrier, Deputy Chief Mike Robinson, Administrative Assistant Kathy Tobine, Captain Brad Ober, Captain Greg Michaud and members of the public.

Commissioner Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Meeting is being audio recorded. The first item on the agenda is Jim Richardson. As he is not here yet, we will go right to the minutes of March 19th.

Minutes

March 19th: Motion made by Commissioner Auger to accept the minutes as printed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallant. Commissioner Waldron asked if there were any corrections. Corrections:

- Page 2, 5th paragraph: Engine 3 should read Engine 1.
- Page 2 under Fire Prevention: DHART should read Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.
- Page 3 the last paragraph says Auger feels the chair should execute the contract for the new vehicle: It should say Commissioner Gallant.

No further corrections were made. Vote was taken. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Gallant: He has a question on page 3 regarding the audit. Where are we on the issue of the audit? He thought someone was to come in tonight. Have we been in contact with them?

Commissioner Waldron: Not to his knowledge. Commissioner Gallant: He made a suggestion to have them come in for the April meeting but he did not see it on the agenda for tonight. He would like them to come in for the May meeting. Who's going to make contact for the May meeting? Roland: He will call Melanson and Associates. If the meeting on is on May 21st, he will not be here. He will be glad to come. Commissioner Gallant: Whatever works is fine with him. Commissioner Waldron: They will let Roland know what will be good for them.

April 6th Joint Meeting: Commissioner Gallant made a motion to accept the minutes as printed to get it on the table. Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. Any discussion. Commissioner Gallant: There are a number of inaccuracies in the names of various people. Discussion ensued regarding corrections. Commissioner Gallant: He has no recommended changes to the content. Commissioner Waldron: All those in favor of accepting minutes as corrected, say aye. Vote taken. All in favor.

Caring Community Network of the Twin Rivers

Jim Richardson introduced himself. He is the Regional Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and he does Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning for Region VI. He went on to explain what the organization does. He also explained that on May 16th they will be doing a drill. Jim then introduced Donna Quinn the Regional CERT/MRC Program Manager. Donna explained what the CERT teams do. The program is open to any volunteers from the community. We will probably be hearing and seeing more information about these as they try to continue to grow. The medical team is new to them. They look for people with medical background for this. She went on to explain how both teams would be utilized during a public health situation or natural disaster. Both the CERT team and MRC have core competencies that they need to fulfill. Both programs are grant funded.

Jim went back to explain more about the drill that Chief Carrier has been involved in planning. On May 16th there will be about 250 individuals. He would like to publicly thank the Chief for all the work he has put in on this. It's really important all partners have a copy of the plan. Both hard and digital copies have been provided. The Local Government Center will be handling the logistics for the drill. He then issued an invitation for the Commissioners to attend the drill on May 16th.

Question and answer period followed with Jim describing the logistic trailer they obtained through a grant. He also gave some idea of the supplies that are contained in the trailer. The trailer is registered by Hebron and garaged by them. Hebron is official owner of it because the trailer was obtained by a federal grant and due to that has to be owned by someone. They have 14 communities currently in this region. Alexandria, Andover, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Franklin, Groton, Hebron, Hill, New Hampton, Northfield, Salisbury and Tilton.

Commissioner Waldron: How big is the budget? Jim: \$70,000. Pat Clark: Is this what Chief Cormier was talking about? The Emergency Operating Center you were talking about? Owen Wellington: It is mandated by the state we do this. It is not the same as the Emergency Operating Center. Chief Carrier: The trailer is a very basic command post. It is not set up at all. Pat Clark: When will federal money run out and what is the mechanism for communities to sustain? Jim: This is a three year grant. It is good until 2012. Beyond that Health & Human Services has been looking at merging a lot of the regions. We started with 19 regions, now we are down to 15. They are going to take a lot of grants and lump them together so public health networks can decide. They want to consolidate work and regions so the state will pick up more of the tab.

Jim then thanked everyone for letting them come tonight to talk about this.

Treasurer's Report

Roland: The paper he passed out was the account balances as of 4/21. The first four are the operating accounts and the last three are the NH DIP accounts.

On the operating account, we have received one check from Northfield and four checks from Tilton. We are receiving interest on all checking accounts. Commissioner Waldron: Do you see a cash flow problem? Roland: Not at this time. Kathy & I are working on cash flow budget. We will definitely have it for the meeting in May. This is the best tool to help predict our cash flow.

App & Equip: The District is debt free. The \$68,200.18 payment is the payoff on Engine 3 as well as the three months of payments that were made.

Balance sheet: You can see under long term, under Franklin Savings Bank it doesn't really reflect properly. That is where the \$62,000 would have come out but we are not really posting to the balance sheet. The cash balances are copasetic.

Commissioner Gallant: On the debit card, we are not reconciling it at this time? Roland: No.

Commissioner Gallant: Would it be reasonable to set an amount to replenish. Roland: It is Chief's pool. If he anticipates that we need something in the future we can transfer money as needed. Commissioner Gallant: Thank you, Roland, for your efforts on the balance sheet and the work on the cash flow. I really think that will help. Commissioner Gallant made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report as printed. Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Commissioner Gallant: Because it's germane to cash flow from the Town of Tilton, he gave a letter received to Roland. Roland read the letter. The Selectmen wanted to reaffirm their position regarding payment made to the Fire District. It is their belief that the practice established years ago of paying the Fire District monthly is vital for our ability to operate, especially in these uncertain times. They will be continuing this form of payment in the hopes that we will be able to preserve our cash flow with the least possible disruption and cost to our employees and District Taxpayers. They wish to extend their thanks to the employees and commissioners of the Fire District for our service to our community. Roland: He would like to thank the Selectmen for sending the letter. It's nice and a help to us.

Chief's Report

Chief Carrier: It's been five weeks since our last meeting but we've been fairly busy none the less. A couple of things he would like to point out. He was able to help facilitate and attend a one-day seminar in Springfield, MA sponsored by the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. In that one day seminar the topics were "Fires Effects on Lightweight Construction" and also "Wind-

Driven Fire". Both of those topics were extremely informational and in direct correlation to fire firefighter safety and survival. It was well attended. There were 95 people that attended the conference. Because of his involvement, it was free of charge to attend.

We are still having some issues with apparatus.

- Ladder 1 steering box we believe we can rebuild. We haven't had any luck trying to find a replacement steering box. We are going to try to replace the seals in that. Hopefully Todd Mosa can help us with that.
- The oil leak in Ambulance 2 has been fixed. We just fixed a flat tire as well.
- The antifreeze leak in Engine 2 has been fixed.
- We are still monitoring the pump shaft issue with Engine 1.

As far as the Wage & Salary Survey, all members have received their job descriptions back for preliminary draft review. I am receiving them back to me with their comments. I will get them back to Barry Cox at LGC when I have them all.

You may have heard that we have been to a couple of major fires recently.

- The Alton conflagration on Easter Sunday we sent one engine and the rescue to. That was obviously a fire that no one will ever see again in their careers. Forty to forty-five buildings were completely destroyed. I know that at the Tilton staff meeting I was asked if that could ever happen here. The quick answer is no, not to that scale. Certainly we have areas within the communities where we could have fires in more than one building at a time very easily. The first one that comes to mind is Main Street, especially on the southern side of Main Street where the buildings are mostly wood frame. The other areas are between Lochmere and Winnisquam where there are some small cabin colonies where the buildings are very close together. Specifically one that you can see very easily is Contignia Drive where they have a number of two story buildings now because they have all been rebuilt to two story and they are very close together. So with the perfect conditions, windy, dry, sun shining, with a fire that gets started in the right spot at the right time and goes undetected for a short period of time, you could have some type of problem; but none to that extent that I could ever foresee in these communities.
- At the factory fire yesterday in Franklin, we sent an engine, the ladder and an ambulance. As far as I know, the ladder and the ambulance were not used but the engine operated on scene for about five hours.

Commissioner Waldron: Did you go to Alton? Chief Carrier: I did not. Commissioner Waldron: Was the Wind Driven Fire class before or after that? Chief Carrier: It was before that. It was more specific to fires in high rise buildings or the effects of wind blowing in through a window back into a hallway. That type of thing. Chief: I did run the critique or lessons learned session for Alton last night. I guess I was asked because I could be objective I wasn't there. One of the points that the State Fire Marshall's office made was that there were some pictures how those buildings were spaced and many of them only had maybe two to three feet between them and if a 35 mph wind was striking the front of those buildings the wind in between those buildings could have been as high as 50 mph. So if you consider the tunneling effect of the wind that certainly could have contributed to the spread of the fire. I think we see that when you go into cities all the time. The wind starts to be tunneled between buildings and you have a greater wind at street level than you would somewhere else.

Commissioner Auger: Using the ladder truck the way it is with the steering box the way it is, is it a safety issue taking it out of town. Chief Carrier: We have been told it isn't as long as we keep an eye on the steering fluid.

Fire Prevention Report

Captain Ober: For the first time since he has been doing this report since he was hired here, there is no new development listed. However, we are starting to see activity in new development and renovation of existing properties into other uses. We are continuing with inspections of rental properties. We are getting into three and four unit buildings. He expects it to slow down a little bit as he expects they will find more violations than with the one and two family. Education is picking up. They have quite a few trainings scheduled.

Chief Carrier: A point on apartment inspections. Letters went out based on the assessors list of rental properties. We are getting a lot of people coming in to say they don't have an apartment, it never was a rental property or it was an apartment 10 years ago but now it's not. We try to explain to them how the process came about. We always tell them to talk with the assessors to be sure they are not being taxed on it.

Commissioner Waldron: Something is going on with the building straight across from Cannon Bridge.

Captain Ober: There is a new owner. We are working with them.

Old Business

Benefit & Wage Study: A letter was received from Barry Cox at the Local Government Center regarding the draft 10 job descriptions for the Benefit & Wage Study. Commissioner Waldron read the letter. The Commissioners are to choose 10 communities to compare to. Chief Carrier: Just so you know, there are a few inaccuracies on the first page. Commissioner Gallant: Commissioner Waldron to communicate with Barry to decide what to do. In regards to giving him a list, we should ask Chief Carrier for his recommendations. We may be better suited if he made suggestions and we could show them to the Chief. Maybe a combination of both.

Website: Commissioner Gallant asked it be put on the agenda for tonight. He would like to defer that discussion to either a later time tonight or the next meeting. He would also like to set a limit on our meetings. We can discuss that later.

New Business

Appoint Member to Budget Committee: Commissioner Waldron: Where does that come from to appoint member to budget committee? Commissioner Gallant: We do it every year. We appoint a representative every year. Commissioner Waldron asked Commissioner Auger if he would like to be the representative to the Budget Committee. Commissioner Gallant: Commissioner Auger served last year. If he does not want to do it again this year, he will. Commissioner Auger agreed to do. Commissioner Gallant made motion to appoint Commissioner Auger as the liaison to the Budget Committee. Commissioner Waldron seconded. All in favor.

Appoint Member to Life Safety Building Committee: Appoint a member of the Board of Commissioner as a non voting member? Two letters have been received. Commissioner Waldron: Is Ben LaBelle here? Ben LaBelle: Yes. Two letters were sent. The first letter was sent. Northfield declined. A second letter was then sent. Commissioner Waldron read the second letter. Commissioner Waldron: There was a letter from the Northfield Board of Selectmen that was sent. Did you receive it Ben? Ben LaBelle: Yes. Commissioner Waldron: The Northfield Board declined the invitation to sit because they believe the direction of the Fire District should come from the three commissioners. They also question whether you can in fact solicit donations and/or grants on behalf of the District. Commissioner Waldron: He shares these concerns. He doesn't know how that can be. Commissioner Gallant: He doesn't believe they are doing that. Ben LaBelle: One of their charges is to seek out any possible grants for whatever it is they decide to put forth before the Town of Tilton next year. Whether it's a police station or a life safety building, one of their charges is to seek out funding for that. Commissioner Gallant: If the direction is merely to go for police facility you would only pursue grants for that purpose only. Ben LaBelle:

Absolutely. Commissioner Gallant: If it was decided the District wanted to go with a life safety building, then you would go for grants for that and they would be applied for by both the Town and the District.

Ben LaBelle: Correct. They can do nothing for the Fire District without commissioner direction.

Commissioner Gallant: We made a commitment in the April meeting to the two towns that we would make a decision as to what the future of the Fire District is. Within 60 days, we will get back to the towns to let them know where what our direction will be.

Ben LaBelle: They are at beginning stages of their work. They are at site selection. Site selection is more critical to fire rather than police. They are in holding pattern until the District decides what its needs are. It might be to both towns advantage to work together. Commissioner Waldron: None of that has been determined yet. This board has no consensus as to whether we are interested in being part of life safety building. No one has been

authorized to represent the Fire District on any committee anywhere. Until we decide we are interested in a life safety building, he believes that it's premature to put anyone on a committee. He believes that their direction should be a police station for the Town of Tilton. Any direction of the District comes from this table. Commissioner Gallant: No one is questioning that. Owen Wellington, Northfield and Police Office from the Town of Tilton: From the Police Department side and the Town of Tilton and being a member of the committee, we are asking for your participation in our meetings so we can be educated by you and you can learn from us what it is we are trying to do. Tilton is in a situation where they will have to fund a police department 100% and fund whatever the commission decides to do by at least 60%. That's at least 150% of whatever the future plans are. We know that at some point in time the Center Street Station will need to be replaced or moved or something. The Town of Tilton is trying to identify a location that is going to be the best for the fire services and still allow the police department to be put in there. We realize that it's entirely up to commission on where they want to be and what they want to do. We need to do it for today and the next 20 years. We are open to any suggestions and discussions. We came tonight to express that. Commissioner Waldron: Commissioner Auger, Commissioner Gallant anything. Commissioner Gallant: Hopefully tonight we can schedule a meeting to discuss the April 6th meeting and determine which way we want to go to deal with it. If this commission decides that we want to go in the life safety direction, is there savings in numbers. If you think this is plausible, then why not come to our meetings and participate to let us know what you think. We need to schedule a meeting and discuss our position. Once our position is clear, we need to take action on this one way or another. If we decide to move in the direction of a life safety building in the future, then I would recommend we participate. If not, they we would not participate. Commissioner Gallant: I move to table the issue until we resolve the issue relative to our position. Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. No further discussion. Vote taken. All in favor. Commissioner Gallant: Please forward your minutes to us of your Life Safety Building Committee meetings. Ben LaBelle: We will do that.

Sole Source and Purchasing Requests:

Request for center console for new vehicle. Commissioner Gallant: This item was one of the items included in price approved? Chief Carrier: Yes.

Quote for lighting for new vehicle. Chief Carrier: We actually have a meeting tomorrow to finalize what that lighting will be. The price is for \$7,500; however, it looks like we can reduce that right off the top to \$7,000 pretty easily.

Chief Carrier: Did they tell you that the window on vehicle will be six weeks. Will they let us take possession of vehicle to work on vehicle without taking his current vehicle? Commissioner Waldron: Probably. Have they seen our vehicle? Chief Carrier: No.

Estimate for lettering from Ian Graphics. Commissioner Gallant made motion to accept proposal for lettering of new command vehicle. Commissioner Auger: Is he local? Chief Carrier: Yes. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Commissioner Waldron: Any discussion? Commissioner Waldron: He believes that it has to go out to bid. Motion is in fact out of order. Chief Carrier: Or you could approve as sole source vendor. Commissioner Gallant: He makes a motion to approve Ian Graphics as sole source vendor. Commissioner Waldron: He did not hear a second. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Replacement Coverage on Ambulances. Chief Carrier: It came up for discussion while we were looking at our property and liability insurance that we have replacement insurance on our fire engines but not on the ambulances. It is now offered on ambulances. The regular coverage that we pay for currently costs \$391.42 per year per vehicle. The additional cost of \$608.58 per year per vehicle would total \$1,217 additional to cover two ambulances with replacement cost. I don't know if that's something you want to do. Commissioner Waldron: If we purchase that insurance coverage and the 2002 is totaled in an accident we would get a brand new 2009 vehicle? Chief Carrier: Yes.

Command Cabinet. This guy out of Contoocook custom builds these cabinets. They are much cheaper than the Odyssey command cabinet quote we got. This is much more user friendly and more strongly built. Firefighter Harris has offered to install the command cabinet. He does that in Sanbornton and has

also done some work at the communication center on their consoles. We could certainly save some money by having him do that.

Sole source purchasing for continuing to use Bergeron for Globe products. We think we are getting a good value and exceptional service. Commissioner Gallant made motion to continue to use Bergeron as sole source for Globe products. Commissioner Waldron: What is the significance of Worcester MA specifications? Chief Carrier: Nothing except that they are widely accepted and he usually has some of that in stock. Also, price issue. Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Waldron would agree that you can't beat Globe and they have been good to us. He believes that the guys are well protected with Globe products and should continue to be so. No further discussion. Vote taken. All in favor.

Commissioner Gallant made a motion to accept the proposal for Ian Graphics for the lettering on the command vehicle. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Discussion? Commissioner Waldron: He believes that this has to go to bid. Commissioner Gallant: Then motion is out of order. This is ludicrous. Commissioner Waldron: The motion is out of order. The purchasing policy requires three bids. Commissioner Gallant: He withdraws his motion and makes a motion to approve Ian Graphics as a sole source vendor. Commissioner Waldron: He doesn't hear a second. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Gallant: If that's your position there is no point in making a motion on anything else. Everything will need three proposals. Chief Carrier: We can't get three quotes on the command center. Commissioner Gallant: we have two quotes on command center? Chief Carrier: Yes. Commissioner Waldron: Are they typically plywood construction? Chief Carrier: Yes. Commissioner Waldron: The same would apply to the command center. Commissioner Gallant: You need third quote if you can. Commissioner Waldron: This is all new equipment right? This isn't replacement. Chief Carrier: Yes.

Commissioner Gallant: Lighting is already a sole source vendor. Commissioner Waldron: Yes they are a sole source for repair. Commissioner Gallant: It's still a sole source vendor. Chief Carrier read the sole source request for Belknap Communications. It is for repair and replacement. Commissioner Waldron: He doesn't view the new purchase as replacement of existing. He thought he raised that in a previous meeting and thought it was in the minutes. He located it in March 19th minutes. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Gallant made a motion to expand the insurance coverage on the two ambulances to include replacement coverage. Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. Chief Carrier: It's \$600 this year per vehicle. Next year It will be \$1,000 per vehicle. Commissioner Waldron: Any discussion? Hearing none vote was taken. All in favor.

Sole source request for Maine Oxy. Chief Carrier: The price on buying the aluminum O₂ tanks from Maine Oxy would be \$85 each. The lease is \$34 per year so you would have payoff within three years. We have upwards of 15 small cylinders we believe. The question remains as to who owns which cylinders. We would have to purchase nine. Maine Oxy recommends purchasing three per year.

Commissioner Waldron: What is the difference in contents charges? Airgas is \$22.67 per fill and Maine Oxy is \$15.00 for the large tanks. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Waldron: He thinks we should approve Maine Oxy and buy the tanks. Commissioner Gallant: Go with Maine Oxy, buy three tanks this year and budget to buy the balance of the tanks next year. Commissioner Auger: It makes no difference to him. Chief Carrier: He would feel better buying three tanks this year. Commissioner Waldron made a motion to swap to Maine Oxy, buy nine cylinders and use them as our sole source provider for the balance of the year. Commissioner Gallant seconded the motion. No further discussion. Vote taken. All in favor.

Chief Carrier: We would like to purchase two hazmat bags. Commissioner Gallant made a motion to purchase the bags from Fire Tech & Safety. Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. Discussion: Commissioner Waldron: Do we have two bags now? Chief Carrier: We do not have two now. We do not have any bags now. Commissioner Waldron: Will that be enough? Chief Carrier: That should be fine for now. No further discussion. Vote taken. All in favor.

Rescue rope and throw bags: \$552 budget and quote came in at \$532. Commissioner Waldron: Didn't we recently buy some of these? Commissioner Auger: I thought we did last year. Chief Carrier: These are different. Most recently we bought bags that are attached to our SCBA. They were personal safety bags. These are water rescue throw bags. Commissioner Waldron: Is this part of the boat? Chief Carrier: Not necessarily but it could. It doesn't have to be swift water rescue. It was part of the budget approved earlier for the boat. This will come out of the Apparatus & Equipment rescue line. Commissioner Gallant made a motion to purchase the rescue rope and throw bags. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Commissioner Waldron: Any discussion? Hearing none. Vote taken. All in favor.

Review of 4/6/09 public hearing. Commissioner Gallant: Under new business. We approved minutes but need to set a special meeting to review the public hearing and what was said to start to formulate our position. He would like to do it within next week. Commissioner Waldron: What is your availability next week? Commissioner Gallant: Anytime. Commissioner Auger: He as Monday or Tuesday but Tuesday would be better for him. Commissioner Gallant: Monday is training? Chief Carrier: Yes. Commissioner Waldron: Tuesday, April 28th at 6 PM. Commissioner Gallant: Kathy, please put the notice out. Contact school to be sure room is available. If not, please let us know.

Strategic Plan: Commissioner Gallant asked to have under new business. He would like to set up a meeting to deal specifically with strategic plans. They are much like master plans but deal specifically with fire districts. Commissioner Waldron: LGC has not gotten back to him yet. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Gallant: Commissioner Waldron to make contact between now and next Tuesday to determine what the availability is and what they would see as their role. He is to report at the next meeting. We can determine

Other Business

Commissioner Gallant: He would like to set up a time frame for future meetings. He is suggesting meetings be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. It's ok to go past 9:00 PM but not to start any meaningful discussions to go after 9:00 PM.

The May meeting is to be held Tuesday, May 26th. Accountant is to be first on the agenda.

A recorder like the one from the Water Department is \$123 at Staples. It was approved with the software up to \$325.

Agenda for next month:

Commissioner Waldron: Discuss public hearing for disbanding the street box system.

Commissioner Gallant: He would like to start easing in the new regulations that Captain Ober wanted to institute regarding sprinklers. Captain Ober: He will have draft copies for the next meeting.

Pay Bills

Commissioner Gallant: The bill for the checklist with the Town of Tilton is not an issue. Check to be voided.

Commissioner Waldron: Check to Airgas. Kathy explained that is four months on the rental contract plus one week's regular invoice. We will be receiving a final bill from them once we switch.

Commissioner Waldron: Question on Mango Alarm bill. Chief Carrier explained the bill.

Commissioner Auger: Question on Firematic bill. Was that for the Hurst tool? Chief Carrier: Yes.

Commissioner Auger: Roberts & Nichol bill. Chief Carrier: The insurance company made the check payable to us so we had to reimburse Roberts & Nichol for the work.

Commissioner Waldron: Question on training request. Kathy: The form is a generic form. Chief Carrier: We have to pay our career members but we don't pay our call members until after the training is complete. Commissioner Waldron: So this form is used for both career and call members? Kathy: Yes.

Commissioner Waldron: How many people belong to IMSA? Chief Carrier: Three. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Auger: Can we put the truck number on the bills that come in for them. Chief Carrier: We normally handwrite them on.

Commissioner Waldron: Question on \$104 for gift for Chief Clarenbeck. Is that a fact? Chief Carrier: Yes. Commissioner Waldron: He doesn't think it's appropriate. Chief Carrier: He thinks it's appropriate. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gallant to go to non public session at the hour of 8:56 PM citing RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Gallant, yes; Commissioner Auger, yes; Commissioner Waldron, yes.

Commissioner Gallant made a motion and Commissioner Auger seconded to come out of non-public session at 9:10 PM. Roll call vote: Commissioner Gallant, yes; Commissioner Auger, yes; Commissioner Waldron, yes.

Commissioner Gallant made a motion to go to public session at 9:10 PM. Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Commissioner Gallant, yes; Commissioner Auger, yes; Commissioner Waldron yes.

Commissioner Gallant: Just as we made the minutes non-public, we have discussed nothing else in non public session, minutes should remain sealed. Motion made by Commissioner Gallant. Seconded by Commissioner Waldron. Roll call vote: Commissioner Auger, yes; Commissioner Gallant, yes; Commissioner Waldron, yes.

Commissioner Waldron: He doesn't know if the Laconia Daily Sun got the story right or not. They quote Deputy Robinson as saying that we have decided to abandon the Center Street station. Deputy Robinson: He does not recall making that statement. Commissioner Gallant: Is it the reporter saying that? Deputy Robinson: His statement was looking at the major response routes going by a map that was to scale, meaning Route 3 and Route 132, if you took a compass, everything within those two stations if there was a station somewhere in the junction of Route 11 and Route 140 and took the major response routes out to the borders of our towns, everything would be approximately within four miles. Commissioner Waldron: So they didn't get it right. I apologize. Deputy Robinson: The information last night was strictly informational. Commissioner Gallant: I would like a copy of the information that was presented last night at the meeting. I think we all would like to take a look at it. If we could have it next Tuesday night it would be great. Deputy Robinson: He would like to present a brief summary of that presentation. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Gallant: Deputy Robinson is there as a result of being appointed by the Moderator of Town of Tilton as mandated by the warrant article that was passed at the Town Meeting. There was to be one member from the Fire Department appointed by him at his discretion. That's the reason the Deputy. Commissioner Waldron: He does not believe that anyone outside this Board has any authority to appoint anyone to represent the Fire District other than this Board. Certainly not the Town of Tilton. Commissioner Gallant: That's why he's there. He is not there making decisions for the Fire District. He is there providing information for the Fire District. Deputy Robinson: That was made very clear from the beginning. He is there to provide information, not make decisions for the Fire District.

Commissioner Gallant made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 PM. Commissioner Waldron seconded the motion. Vote taken. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Tobine
Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: April 27, 2009 at 18:00. Special Meeting on the future direction of the Fire District. Meeting to be held at Tilton School, <u>new Academic Building</u> , School Street, First Floor, Ninth Grade Classroom, Tilton.
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