

# Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Commissioners' Meeting

Meeting called by:	Commissioners	Date, Time:	November 7, 2005 18:00 to 19:17
Note taker:	Janine Vary	Place:	Center Street Station

Attendees: Comm. Tom Gallant, Comm. Andy Sleeper, Comm. Harold Harbour, Chief Steve Carrier, Deputy Mike Robinson, Treasurer Roland Seymour, Capt. Brad Ober and Clerk Janine Vary.

Tom: called meeting to order at 18:05. Review of minutes: Harold motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Comm. Gallant. Discussion: no comments on minutes. All were in favor. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Roland had the report up to date with all the bills included. Roland received deposit. \$14,760 was added for month of October. Roland hasn't received any note from the towns on the rate being set. He will contact the town halls about that. Tom: salaries and wages accounts. Steve: budgeted figures were just put in there. Janine had put in \$21,000 and spread out over the different categories. \$21,500 was budgeted for OT and have spent \$25,000 in OT. Holiday is a calculated figure that Chief had budgeted. Vacation pay and earned time pay (sick/personal) is actually included in the actual salaries line. Roland asked if the OT lines are actual, yes, those are the equal. About 5,000 over on OT than was actually budgeted. Vehicle repairs is high but we have had some major expenses. Chief still is having a problem getting a daily idea of what bills are coming in and seeing what is left in the budget. Janine hasn't had the time to enter all the bills daily. Maybe examine the possibility of hiring someone just one day to keep up. Due to many interruptions. Comm. Gallant feels that accounts payable should be entered weekly as a routine and even more frequently at this time of the year. They will discuss. Chief and Comm. Gallant will be meeting on Tuesday to discuss the budget. Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously by commissioners.

Fire Prevention officer: Capt. Ober. Loew's construction is very popular now. Close to start building rack systems. Chili's, general contractor will be starting in next 2 or 3 weeks, plans are approved. Tanger: still working on alarm system. Levi's opening first week of December. Making a total of 5 super safe boxes at the enunciator panels. Panel will have digital display of what store is in trouble. Green Ginger in final stages of construction. Fire works store, still not open. Can't meet the required flow, only 350 gallons. Have asked for a variance for that. Wal-Mart had their grand re-opening on Friday and all inspections are done. Hasn't done rental properties due to fire prevention. Also listed new developments. One significant one in Northfield. Off Scribner Road, 117 medical care facility. 100 units of duplexes, similar to Taylor Home in Laconia. Had some fire extinguisher training at Veterans Home. Friday there was a fire in circulating motor in the heating system. A laundry personnel put out the fire as a result of that training. Chief mentioned that we will work with NHVH to award that person. Discussion on Clark Road proposal for 26 lot subdivisions. No other questions on fire prevention log.

## Old business

New trucks have been delivered and outfitted. Need mud flaps, fender flairs. Smaller truck hasn't had decals put on yet.

Building committee report: contacted Moe Gagnon re: Park St building. Chief has spoken with Chief Hilliard. Chief Hilliard will be going before Northfield selectmen tomorrow night to see if they want to pursue. They are very pleased with the trucks. Harold: mentioned that the town of Northfield is interested in the old pick up. This will be decided at tomorrow night's meeting. Harold would like to sell to them rather than put out to bid. Tom would like to get as much for it as possible. The \$5,000 figure is what it is worth. Andy wanted to think about it. Chief recommended maybe to give them first bid on it. Andy feels it wouldn't hurt us. Tom felt that it would be good will step, Andy and Harold agreed.

Building committee: Chief hasn't set up another meeting for our building comm. meeting.

Paving Park Street. Mike did speak with rep. from Porter Paving. Other companies didn't want to talk with us until spring. He gave them 2 ideas for proposals. Initial proposal was \$8,200 to \$8,400 to go to end of lower box encompass the sewer drain and water drain, that was approx. \$10,000. If he grinds up to 4 feet and then pours 3 inches of tar, this is \$2,000 more. Tom: we are not sure what is going to happen with construction in Park Street. Almost anything we do will infringe on any paving that is there. We could put a smaller addition to the building or an extra bay on Jim's Drive-in side. The worst part of the area is the front, it is breaking up and something will need to be done in another year. Tom: would not want to do anything this year. By spring we will have a better idea of what we want to do. Should patch where sewer has been put in. Town was going to get Chambers to do that. Chief will talk with Mike Summerset tomorrow night.

Chief reported that the safer grant was denied in the first round. Most of the money would go to larger cities that show need for more firefighters.

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Truck committee meeting next week. E1 coming in with plans. Once settled on what they want, will look at E4 and try to get from same vendor (not decided yet) to order second truck.

Winnisquam fire department. Chief hasn't had any communication with anyone since last meeting. Sanbornton has decided to pull out. Tom feels the proposal is headed nowhere. There was more discussion on this topic. We will need to respond to a letter sent from town of Belmont, not sure how. Harold wouldn't give them anymore than what we are giving them now. Tom mentioned it is not an option now. There hasn't been a formidable proposal that has presented to the towns involved. Harold doesn't think the Lower and Upper Bay Road area will let Sanbornton bow out. Andy feels we should send a response that says we don't have a proposal due to their lack of info. Or it has come to our attention that the town of Sanbornton is apparently bowing out of the situation and we don't know how that will affect any proposal we can make. We will not make the Winnisquam Fire Dept. it's own article but has to be a line item in the budget. Tom and Chief will draft a letter tomorrow.

Chief: Statistics: June was busy but October was busier, but mostly due to so many water problems. Will be around 1600 calls by the end of the year. Response times are holding steady. 2005 figures have a 1minute difference in both columns. Mon thru Fri is higher for 2005 than 2004. Towns are becoming more decentralized, the calls are getting further out and that has increased response times.

**New business**

Chief: Capt. Bousquet just attended Fire Officer 1 and 2 class and graduated. Due to this class he hasn't taken his vacation time. He is requesting to carry over 48 hours to next year. Tom: is against the request. He would prefer to pay him for it. Andy agreed with that idea. Harold agreed.

New ambulance status. Chief hasn't talked with the salesman. He'll contact him.

E1 is still out of service. Getting repainted. It is in Worcester at the manufacturers request. They found excess corrosion. Will come back with a 2-year warranty.

Storage of fire prevention trailer and skid units. Chief would like to approach J Jill to see if we could store the vehicles in that building. Skid unit has been picked up not in service yet. Status of old pick up: still in Park Street station, stripped of lights and radio equipment. Still need to take off the insignias.

Asked for public comment: none

Andy motioned to pay the bills. Harold seconded.

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Comm. Harbour and seconded by Comm. Sleeper at 7:17pm.

**Next Meeting Date, Time,  
Place:**

**Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 18:00 at Center St.**