

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Commissioners' Meeting

Meeting called by:	Commissioners	Date, Time:	February 2, 2006 at 18:18 to 20:15
Note taker:	Janine Vary	Place:	Center Street Station

Attendees: Comm. Tom Gallant, Comm. Harold Harbour, Chief Steve Carrier, Capt. Brad Ober, Fire Prev. and Clerk Janine Vary. Comm. Andy Sleeper arrived 15 minutes late. Absent: Dep. Chief Mike Robinson, Treasurer Roland Seymour

Meeting called to order. Review of previous minutes. Harold motioned to accept to minutes. Tom seconded. For his discussion all items will be brought up in old business. No discussion. Harold motioned to accept minutes as written. Tom seconded. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Tom reported that the Treasurer's report will be deferred to a later time. Emphasis will be on year end numbers. Will review before beginning of public hearing. A copy of the year end Actual vs. Budget report was given to the Commissioners.

Fire Prevention report: Capt. Ober: Lowe's open, Kohl's busy with sprinkler companies, Chilij's under development. Fireworks store on 140 will come to conclusion using a radio telemetry system for the town pumps. Letter is still in review process. New development: nothing really new to this office. Getting more activity asking for inspections and more response to the apartment inspections. Local rental properties Brad has been trying to set up inspections. Has been having some difficulty with some property owners. Is following procedures.

Andy sleeper arrived at 6:25

Brad will keep commissioners up to date on status of these apartment inspections, etc.

Old business

New ambulance is in MA and Chief will be going down tomorrow with 2 others to look at. Expects to receive in 1 month.

Truck committee. Chief reported that they have met with the salesman and will be coming back with drawings and a solid price, not sure what date right now. Commissioners reviewed the warrant article 13 for discussion. Now there is a petition from residents asking about rescinding the Apparatus and Equipment Fund. That wouldn't take effect until 2007, so budget has been prepared with the Apparatus and Equipment Fund. Take all the money from the truck fund and the rescue fund. These will go into the Apparatus and Equipment Fund. \$192,000 in truck and \$138,000 in rescue fund. We are spending approximately \$131,000 for new ambulance. With their petition article, we will not close these trust funds. That is why Tom has included a warrant requesting to take money out of the trust funds. Truck has to be ordered in 2006 and we should put a good lump sum down payment into the vehicle to lock in the price.

Regarding the grant received for the water tanker: we have to come up with \$36,500 for our share of the cost of the vehicle. This is article 12. We want to buy the tanker, have the \$199,500 in grant money to purchase and need the remainder to purchase it.

Meeting suspended at 18:50 for Comm. Gallant and Chief Carrier to attend the Tilton Town Selectmen meeting. During this time, Comm. Sleeper and Comm. Harbour reviewed the bills and signed manifest. They also reviewed articles we are placing in the Annual Reports with the towns.

Meeting resumed at 19:35. Comm. Gallant summed up TNFD presentation at selectmen meeting. Discussion was had regarding Winn FD. Tom explained the information that we have collected. Handed out copies of draft warrant articles and draft budget and will wait for final documents after the public hearing on 2/6/06. Budget driven by personnel costs. When the alternative was mentioned as to hiring 2 more people (rather than 3) to give us 3 during the day, the response was that it wasn't worth dropping down to that. The preference appeared to be to keep the proposed budget the way it was written. There was discussion on the budget.

New business

Discussion on the warrant articles. Tom announced that Scott McGuffin will not be able to attend our district meeting. Tom has emailed the warrant articles to DRA, Jamie Dow, for her review. If no changes to the warrant articles at public hearing, then the commissioners will sign after the public hearing and post next day.

Article 15, adoption of NFPA (need copies of these for the 2 commissioners). Fee structure and uniform code. Both are being authorized to us by article 15. Once approved, we will adopt these codes. The fee structure is there and can account for revenue during this year because we have no basis for it.

Update on Belmont Fire and Winnisquam Fire dept.: a letter was sent to Belmont requesting statistics on runs, etc. Chief did get stats from dispatch. Still shows low responses and sometimes not fully staffed. More discussion on this matter. Operationally, there will be one tone for Belmont and Winnisquam. Belmont will respond from the Belmont station if no one is at Winnisquam station. Chief doesn't want them responding from Belmont, not much benefit for us.

Ken Randall, who will be our moderator this year due to Scott McGuffin's absence, wants to meet with the Commissioners, Chief and Clerk Vary on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 7:00pm at Center Street. All OK with that.

Bills were reviewed and signed by Comm. Gallant (other commissioners had already reviewed and signed).

There were no members from the public present at the meeting, so no public comment was given.

Comm. Gallant motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and Comm. Harbour seconded. Meeting adjourned at 20:15.

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

March 2, 2006 at 18:00 at Center Street Station

Respectfully submitted,

Janine L. Vary
Clerk