

# **Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS SAFER Grant Committee Meeting**

Meeting Called By: SAFER Grant Committee

Date, Time: 02/14/2023, 5:00 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Tilton Town Hall  
257 Main St, Tilton

## **Call to Order**

Commissioner Pyra called the meeting to order at 5:22 PM.

## **Attendance**

Commissioner Eric Pyra, Captain Matt Gilman, Scott Lewandowski, and Chief Michael Sitar.

## **New Business**

### Power Point

Chief Sitar shared the power point for District Meeting which included slides regarding the SAFER Grant. Statistics related to the SAFER Impact were reviewed.

### SAFER Grant

Chief Sitar commented that it was a suggestion of the committee to apply for another SAFER Grant. The application period just opened and he has been going over the information. Discussion ensued regarding the grant options and likelihood to qualify.

Discussed how hard it would be to go back to three members and lower call company response. Chief Sitar commented that he will budget to keep and pay the four firefighters and hopes to get another grant which would take the pressure off for another three years.

Scott asked how they can gauge public opinion. This will be the last district meeting before decision will need to be made. Chief Sitar said he could speak on it at the meeting but it would probably mean more coming from a member of the committee. Scott asked if a special meeting was necessary for such a big decision for the district. Matt commented that it is hard to get people out for meetings and feels no one will show up. Scott agreed and stated that this year's District Meeting is the meeting that they should educate them, take a little time to explain that these decisions have to be made before next district meeting. Chief Sitar suggested Letter to the Editor or article in the paper in to help inform the public.

Talked about board and committee spots that are up for election and appointment this year. Two Board of Commissioner spots are up for election, one 3-year term and one 2-year term, and two Budget Committee spots will be opening up this year for a 3-year term.

Nominated Paul Blaisdell to speak at District meeting, respected by residents in Tilton & Northfield

Chief Sitar discussed projections in Apparatus & Equipment fund. More than accommodate the changes with the warrant article and current purchase plans.

## **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **Adjournment**

Matt made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Joslin*

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: TBD