

Board of Fire Commissioners

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July 23, 2007 Workshop

Workshop began at 7:03 pm.

Present were: Commissioners King, Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite, Treasurer Bishop and Secretary Petkus. Others present were: A/C Jay Ellsworth and FF Ron Bishop.

Commissioner Kugler asked if anyone had anything to discuss before they got working on the by-Laws.

Commissioner Robarge asked if Secretary Petkus had gotten the registered letter from Nichols; she had and also had made copies for each commissioner.

Commissioner King asked what was going on with the ladder truck? Where do we stand, we had the bid openings, and now what? Commissioner Kugler explained that the committee from Maple Avenue was planning on going around to each firehouse after August 1st to make presentations to them; Commissioner Spackmann thought that it would not be the whole committee but maybe Gary, the Board and the Chief may go around. Commissioner Kugler also explained that after that they needed to have a public meeting and then the vote. Commissioner Spackmann asked Commissioner King if he needed greater detail than that, Commissioner King said no, although he asked if at that time are they going to be able to give the companies information on how they plan to pay for the truck. More discussion followed.

Commissioner Waite called three places to get quotes for sealing the driveways of Co #2 and Co #4. The only quote that he received back was from Adirondack Paving and it was for \$4760.00 for both stations, which he didn't think was bad. It included marking them too. Commissioner Waite explained that the cracks along the edge of the building with the concrete are too big for them to fill. Commissioner Robarge noted that they had a crack sealer and maybe Walt could let us use the machine as long as we replaced the material. Commissioner Kugler asked Commissioner Robarge to handle that and then send the bill to us when he was done.

The pole barn was started this weekend and it's ready for sheeting. Commissioner Robarge asked if they were going to put heating in the floor and Commissioner Waite explained that they were going to put the hose in the floor but the company is taking care of getting that done. The concrete is coming from Palette and apparently they are going to donate it. The holes were dug, the poles were placed and the floor will be poured around the poles. He also explained that Phil Putnam, who is a contractor, spent both days over there volunteering his time and he did a real nice job helping out.

Notified everyone that Ralph Waite's wife, Vivian was in the hospital in a coma and they are not sure she is going to pull out of it. Her liver and kidneys are not working and it doesn't look good.

Commissioner Kugler said if there was nothing else, they should get back to the By-laws. Secretary Petkus asked if since all five Commissioners were present, did they want to go back to the sections that needed more discussion, or continue where they left off from the last workshop? It was decided that they would go back to get the tough stuff done, beginning with Article III Membership on Page 3.

The Commissioners continued with the review of the By-Laws, beginning with the sections that needed further discussion. There was lengthy and detailed discussion of these sections, with changes being made. The Commissioners also completed the review of the rest of the By-laws, with any changes being made directly on the By-Law packet.

Commissioner Robarge asked if the Board of Directors would be included in the LOSAP; the Commissioners agreed not to add them at this time.

Discussion continued about posting the Code of Ethics in each firehouse and is it state law; Commissioner King asked Commissioner Spackmann to show him where it says it has to be posted in state law. Secretary Petkus noted that all members need to sign off on the Code of ethics. Commissioner Robarge asked if it was possible to post them on the website. Commissioner Kugler asked if any information came from our insurance company regarding our DBL and W/C, and if it was posted; Secretary Petkus recalled getting them a while ago and giving them to each A/C to post.

Commissioner Robarge asked Commissioner King how he was making out on the voting district boundaries. Commissioner King asked if we had gotten anything on the election boundaries, and Secretary Petkus noted that Commissioner Robarge had found in the storage room the map of the election boundaries. Discussion continued regarding what to do about voting at Maple Avenue and Greenfield, including looking into using the Town's voting machines instead. Commissioner Kugler asked Commissioner Robarge to look into possibly using the Town's machines.

Workshop was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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District Secretary