

Town of Newington, NH
Board of Fire Engineers Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2017 at 1200 hrs

Meeting called to order by Chair Jim Fabrizio at 1200 hrs.

Present: BOFE Tim Field, BOFE Jim Fabrizio, BOFE Ruth Fletcher, Chief Andrew Head, Assistant Chief Jeffrey LeDuc, Deputy Chief Darin Sabine

Public Comment: no public present

Minutes: vote to accept minutes of November 1, 2017. Tim Field motion, Ruth Fletcher second, motion carried 3-0

Chiefs Report: vote to accept Chief's report for November as written. Jim Fabrizio motion, Ruth Fletcher second, motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

2018 Budget – Chief Head informed the board that the proposed 2018 budget is a 1.62% increase over the 2017 budget. To be presented at the Budget Committee Meeting, December 6th at 7:00 pm.

2018 meeting schedule – proposed meeting schedule for 2018 was presented and no objections noted.

2018 Blanket purchase orders signed.

New Business:

Revenue - 2017 Department revenue just exceeded \$180,000 which includes \$11,000 in grant income. GP Gypsum presented the department with grant for \$5,000 to be used to purchase rescue equipment. Chief Head would like to use the GP Gypsum grant to replace the department RIT pack.

The Board signed purchase orders.

Chief's Comments:

The Chief commended the department for a job well done on a recent water rescue.

Good to The Order:

Assistant Chief LeDuc recounted the water rescue response for the engineers and commended FF Kevin Craft for his boat handling - saying FF Craft held the boat in place with strong tides and winds (in the dark) for a prolonged period of time. The rescued individual was eventually lowered into the boat. AC LeDuc said the department had recently trained on this procedure at Sprague Energy.

Executive Session:

Board entered Executive session at 1210 by motion of Jim Fabrizio. Tim Field second.

Ruth Fletcher exited Executive session at 1322. Engineer Fletcher indicated that she was in opposition to what the board was discussing.

Board exited Executive session at 1345 by motion of Jim Fabrizio. Tim Field second.

Decision made. Jim Fabrizio made a motion that the Newington Fire Chief's position will remain a fulltime position. Tim Field seconded. Motion carried.

The Board Voted to adjourn at 1345

Motion by Jim Fabrizio

Second by Tim Field

vote taken 2-0