

Fire Advisory on February 12, 2013
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Mel Adams (Town Manager), Bill Baumann (Freedom Foods), Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Chris Woodruff and Kevin Wheatley (Brookfield Fire), Dana Williams and Ken Preston (RCFD), Kevan Taylor and Jacob Boule (ERFD), Tut Doane (Braintree) and Kermit LaBounty (Chair).

1. Call to order

Mr. LaBounty called the meeting to order at 1900 hours

2. Minutes

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by RC Assistant Chief Williams, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of January 8, 2013 meetings as amended. Unanimously approved.

3. Freedom Foods

Mr. Baumann provided an overview of the Freedom Foods building project on Beanville Road. The project will consist of a steel building, 24' driveways, sprinkler system with adequate water supply and fire hydrant locations. It was the consensus of the committee that there is no problem with the proposal presented. RVFD Chief Collette will submit a letter of support indicating that the project will have no added burden on the fire services.

4. Communications

The fire chiefs would like to obtain a quote from Radio North for maintenance of the console located at Barre City Dispatch, tower, and repeater located at 89 Rand Road: a separate contract for maintenance of for mobile and portable units at each department. RVFD Chief Collette reported that the vehicle radios have been installed in the RVFD fire apparatus, which were purchased through the VCOMM Grant. RCFD and ERFD Chiefs will contact Radio North to schedule installation of vehicle radio equipment at their stations.

5. Knox Box User Draft

Chief Collette provided a draft policy for Knox box participants. This letter when finalized will be given to building owners who would like to have a Knox box installed on their buildings.

6. Scott Pack Safety Alert

RVFD Chief Collette requested RCFD and ERFD Chief to identify its Scott Airpacks, that are on the safety alert to replace a valve that is faulty. He will coordinate with SCOTT to schedule the replacement valve.

7. Green Mountain Power Training

The Green Mountain Power Training is scheduled for March 4 at Randolph Technical Career Center. Representative from each department will attend the training. .

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8. Update on Randolph Center Truck

RCFD Chief Preston announced that bids for the proposed fire truck were sent out to five companies. The bids are due this week, when they will be opened and reviewed. Discussion ensued concerning the process of presenting the proposal to the committee and the proper procedures to obtain approval to order the apparatus. The proposal will be presented at the March 12 meeting.

9. Auxiliary Equipment Needs

Chief Boule announced that he would be scheduling the annual inspection for the scott airpacks. This date of the inspection is to be determined and announced at a future meeting.

10. Other Business

Mr. LaBounty mentioned he has noticed fire hydrants that are still buried under the snow from the most recent storm. He requested if the Water/Wastewater and Highway Department would be able to clean out the ones still buried.

It was reported that any time foam is used at a fire scene, the spray back of foam could damage eyeglasses. There are two firefighters whose eye glasses have sustained damaged from spray back. This damage is eligible for a workers compensation claim.

11. Adjournment

At 2055 hours, on motion by ERFD Assistant Taylor, seconded by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, moved to adjourn until the next meeting on March 12, 2013 at 19:00 hours in the Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit LaBounty
Chair