

Fire Advisory Meeting of March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Tut Doane (Braintree), Michael Marshall (Communications back up plan), Ken Preston and Dana Williams (RCFD), Paul Campbell and Jacob Boule (ERFD), Kevin Wheatley (Brookfield) and Kermit LaBounty (Chair)

1. Call to order

Mr. LaBounty called the meeting to order at 1905 hours.

2. Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015

On motion by RCFD Assistant Chief Williams, seconded by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, the committee approved the minutes of February 10, 2015 as written. Unanimously approved.

Flagger Training Certificate cards were swapped to the appropriate department personnel.

3. Backup Plan for Dispatch

Mr. Marshall provided an update on the Valcor and Spillman systems for additional communications for first responders. The cost could be up to \$17,000, which at this time there is no funding available. Mr. Marshall also reported that Barre City Dispatch is considering purchasing this for its dispatching services. Until a feasibility study has been completed, this is on hold.

Creating a backup personnel list to dispatch is a work in progress.

4. Communications

It was reported that Orange County Sheriff's Department is interested being back up for the Randolph Fire Departments. Sheriff Bohnyak would like to conduct test tones for the first responders to see if signal will reach better in than Barre City. It was requested to invite Sheriff Bohnyak and Radio North's Mark Geraghty to the April meeting to discuss this further.

5. Auxiliary and Apparatus Equipment

a. RVFD Tire Chains

It was the consensus of the committee that installation of chains additional to the drop down chains is under the discretion of the Fire Chief and that if installed the drop downs will not be used at the same time. The use of tire chains shall not be mandated by the FSAC. Some trucks may not have clearance to run standard chains.

6. Other business

RVFD Chief Collette reported that the bid specifications for a cab and chassis has been submitted to the Selectboard for approval on March 17. Approval to selectboard bids for a cab and chassis RVFD fire (Collette).

RCFD Chief Preston reported that he has spoken with Fire Marshal McLaughlin regarding the Rinker canopy. It was suggested once the State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety has signed off on the certificate of occupancy, then RCFD could sign off on the document.

RCFD Chief Preston reported RCFD's NFIRS reports are up-to-date.

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7. Adjournment

At 2037 hours, on motion by RVFD Chief Collette, seconded by RCFD Assistant Chief Thurston, the Committee adjourn until its next meeting of April 14, 2015 at 1900 hours in Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit LaBounty  
Chair