

Fire Advisory Meeting of March 19, 2013
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Kermit LaBounty (Chair), Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Tom Schersten (Selectboard Liaison), Jacob Boule and Keven Taylor (ERFD), Dale Barnard (Representing RCFD Truck proposal), Ken Preston and Dana Williams (RCFD), Skip Hackett, Tyson Moulton (Gifford Medical Center), Kevin Wheatley (Brookfield), Tuthill Doane (Braintree), and Mel Adams (Town Manager)

1. Call to order

Chairman LaBounty called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

2. Minutes

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by ERFD Boule, the committee voted to approve the minutes of February 19, 2013 as written. Unanimously approved.

3. Gifford Medical Center

The committee reviewed the site plans for the Kingwood extension project with emphasis on installing a dry sprinkler system. Discussion ensued concerning the cost to install the system, sprinkler head where the heating system is housed, possible discount for GMC insurance to have a dry sprinkler system, design plan where the fire departments would hook up to the building, locations for the fire alarm system and Knox box.

4. Communications

Members inquired about the status of the quote for communications maintenance with Radio North. There are to be two separate quotes: one for the Tower/repeater and Barre City Dispatch and the other to be for departmental portables and vehicle mobiles. The quote is forthcoming and should be available at the April meeting for review.

5. Update on proposal for RCFD Tanker

On motion by RVFD Chief Collette, seconded by ERFD Chief Boule, the committee voted to recommend RCFD's proposal for a new tanker to be built by Dingee and not to exceed \$280,000. Unanimously approved.

RVFD Chief Collette strongly suggested having a load management system check conducted due to the amount of LED lighting in the proposal; this is to ensure that the alternator is capable to handle the lighting load without causing the entire system to fail.

6. Auxiliary Equipment

The committee reviewed and discussed running chains on the fire trucks during the winter season. The discussion ensued on the pros and cons of chaining the tires and the impact of wear and tear on the vehicles. It was suggested to conduct further study on this subject and to obtain professional instructions on the life expectancy of the chains when used as well as the impact of wear and tear to the vehicles.

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7. Other Business

RVFD Chief Collette presented a quote for pressure testing fire hoses as mandated under NFPA 1961. Discussion ensued concerning the cost to conduct the pressure tests vs purchasing new fire hose.

RVFD Chief Collette provided costs from two companies for replacing fire hose. Mr. Adams asked the departments to provide a list of hose at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

On motion by RVFD Chief Collette, seconded by ERFD Chief Boule, the Committee voted to adjourn until the next scheduled meeting of April 9, 2013 at 1900 hours in Town Hall Conference A, 7 Summer Street. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit LaBounty
Chairman