

Fire Advisory Meeting of May 8, 2012  
Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Kermit LaBounty, Jacob Boule (ERFD), Larry Thurston (RVFD), Tut Doane (Braintree representative), Cindy Spaulding (Liaison), Tim Angell (Capital Budget Representative), Ken Preston and Robert Wheatly (RCFD),

1. Call to order

Mr. LaBounty called the meeting to order 1905 hours.

2. Meeting Minutes of April 10

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of April 10 as printed. The motion was unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed communications programming on the second set for mobile and portables.

Check frequencies for Chelsea, Tunbridge, and South Royalton

It was suggested to send a letter to all area fire chiefs that the Randolph Fire Departments will be using V-TAC channels when responding mutual aid.

3. Proposed Site Plan for Gifford Medical Center's Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living

This item was passed over, as representatives from Gifford Medical Center have not attended. Passed over

4. Capital Budget Presentation

Tim Angell, of the Capital Budget Committee, explained that the Capital Budget committee would like to obtain a list of equipment needs of the fire departments. An updated list of the fire departments' vehicle apparatus will be provided to the Capital Budget Committee. Discussion ensued concerning equipment needs for each department.

**Fire Hose**

RVFD: pending

ERFD: 1000' of 4 inch, 1000' of 2.5 inch, and 1000' of 1.75 inch

RCFD: 1700' of 4 inch, 1500' of 2.5 inch, 2000' of 1.75 inch, and 500' of 1 inch (forestry)

**Turnout Gear** – cost to suite one fire fighter \$2400

(Coat & Pants \$1800; boots \$300; Helmet \$220; Gloves \$70; and Nomax hood \$50.00)

RVFD: 23 sets

ERFD: 8 sets

RCFD: 20 sets

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5. Narrow band Communications

Mrs. Spaulding reported that the scheduling for narrow banding is forthcoming. The vendor is not looking in August to program the communications equipment. The difficulties are that the Chiefs have asked to schedule the programming on a weekend to make it more convenient to coordinate all equipment at each station.

6. Equipment and Auxiliary Equipment Needs

It was mentioned that the air compressor at the Randolph Village Fire Department is broken and asked if another one could be located, which would not require a "Boiler inspection."

ERFD Chief Boule mentioned that ERFD has found a skid tank with pump and hose reel to put on the Ford Truck to be used for small fires. The cost for the equipment is \$11,000 and ERFD has half of the funding. He requested, if Fire Advisory would consider funding the other half. It was the consensus of the committee that due to the economy, it could not support the funding.

7. Other business

RCFD Chief Preston reported that the Pinnello's have offered one of their barns to be used as a training structure and then to be burnt down. The structure would be available to Randolph Fire Departments and area departments. He stated that ERFD Chief Boule is working on getting the proper permits for burning the structure at a later date. The Pinellos have requested a release of liability from the town.

8. Adjournment

On motion by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, seconded by ERFD Chief Boule, the committee voted to adjourn at 2050 hours until the next scheduled meeting of June 12, 2012. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding  
Liaison