

Fire Service Advisory Committee
Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Kermit LaBounty (Chair), Melvin Adams (Town Manager), Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Kevin Wheatley (BFD), Tut Doane (Braintree), Kenneth Preston (RCFD), Alex Northern (VTC), Keven Taylor and Paul Campbell (ERFD).

1. Call to order

Chair LaBounty called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

2. Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2014

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by ERFD Assistant Chief Taylor, the committee approved the minutes of July 8, 2014 as printed. Unanimously approved.

3. Hydrant Color Codes & Markings

The committee discussed the NFPA recommended hydrant color codes and markings. Discussion ensued concerning the hydrant pressure and infrastructures throughout town. RVFD Chief Collette recommended remembering the colors as follows: green and blue (high pressure), orange and red (low pressure or dead end mains), black is inoperable and no colors on the dry hydrants accept black where necessary.

Hydrants of concern are Maple/South Pleasant Street, South Pleasant Street near the Southview Cemetery Building and a dry hydrant at the former Blaisdell property on Chelsea Mountain Road.

4. Communications

The current system wide communications problem was discussed. RCFD Chief Collette recommended having Radio North assess the equipment in the tower at 89 Rand Road, Randolph Center. This is to see if the problem is at the tower and not Barre City Dispatch.

Braintree representative Doane reported that the town of Braintree is still applying for grants for a new repeater site. As of the meeting Braintree has not received its new frequency from the FCC. At this time, there is no change in reprogramming frequencies for the fire departments.

5. Auxiliary and Apparatus Equipment

RCFD Chief Collette presented proposals for three air packs. The lowest apparent proposal was from Fire Tech & Supply in the amount of \$18,235. It was the consensus of the committee to approve the purchase of three air packs from Fire Tech & Supply.

6. Other Business

Gifford Medical Center has invited the fire departments to set up a venue at its Tuesday evening Farmers Market & gazebo music series. RCFD may participate.

There will be a joint training session scheduled for the Randolph Fire Departments:

RCFD Rescue truck at the Randolph Center Fire Station with Randolph Village personnel.
RCFD Tower at the East Randolph Fire Station with the East Randolph personnel.

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Fire Science Director Northern presented a map of the fire hydrants with pressure codes on the Vermont Technical College Campus. This map does not include hydrants owned by the Randolph Center Fire District.

It was announced the deadline for Firefighter 1 course is August 20, 2014.

7. Adjournment

At 2020 hours, on motion by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, seconded by RVFD Chief Collette, the committee adjourned until its next scheduled meeting on September 9, 2014 at 1900 hours in Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit LaBounty
Chair

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