

Fire Advisory Meeting of August 14, 2012
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Jay Collette and Larry Thurston(RVFD), Kermit LaBounty (Chair), Tuthill Doane (Braintree), Cindy Spaulding (Liaison), Jacob Boule and Keven Taylor (ERFD), Ken Preston and Rob Wheatley (RCFD). Absent: Chris Woodruff (Brookfield)

1. Call to order

Mr. LaBounty called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Minutes

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by ERFD Assistant Chief Taylor, the committee voted to approve the minutes of July 12 as amended. Unanimously approved.

3. Communications

The committee discussed radio communications as outlined:

- Status of the radios purchased through the VCOMM grant
- Type of radios and assigned location within each department
- Frequency order
- Move frequency order item 4 from Williamstown-scene to the second bank for portables and replace it with the Town's frequency. The same frequency order will be on the mobiles. Radio North will be notified of the frequency changes.
- Status of letters requesting permission to program Roxbury and Barretown's fire frequencies
- Lithium batteries vs NiCi batteries
- Function of a lithium battery charger
- ERFD (truck) and RCFD (desk) would like to purchase lithium battery chargers

4. Equipment Needs

The committee discussed its equipment needs, which are as follows:

RVFD: 22 full sets of turnout gear and helmets, various lengths of hoses

ERFD: nine full sets of turnout gear, various lengths of hoses

RCFD-Tanker/Rescue and new helmets and nine sets of turnout gear, various lengths of hoses

The chiefs discussed purchasing new airpack earlier in the fiscal year.

5. Other Business

The chiefs have received notification to start the FY2014 budget process was starting. In order to prepare the budget the Chiefs stated they need the Administrative portion as well. Discussion ensued concerning the budget process, time writing the budgets, the ineffectiveness of written budgets being reviewed and only to have it cut and scrutinized.

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Capital Budget needs to be specific on what is needed of Fire Department capital expenses, a copy of the minutes will be provide outlining all needs.

6. Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m. on motion by RCFD Assistant Chief Wheatley, seconded by ERFD Assistant Chief Taylor, the committee voted to adjourn until the next scheduled meeting of Tuesday, September 11 at 1900 hours in the Town Hall Conference Room A. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding
Liaison to Fire Advisory