

Fire Advisory Meeting of September 11, 2012  
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Kermit LaBounty (Chair), Tuthill Doane (Braintree), Melvin Adams (Town Manager) Jacob Boule (ERFD), Ken Preston and Rob Wheatley (RCFD) and 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 RCFD Assistant Chief Wheatley, the committee voted to approve the minutes of August 14 as amended. Unanimously approved.

3. Communications

The committee discussed radio communications as outlined:

- Power Failure/Battery Back up at the Tower
- Electrical circuit is a breaker at the Center Garage which was unintentionally shut off by a bus driver
- Beeping on the radio means that there is a power failure at the tower and that the system is on battery back-up
- Type of radios and assigned location within each department

4. Dispatch Contract

The committee discussed the contract between the town and Barre City for dispatching services.

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, the committee voted to recommend approval of the Barre City Dispatching Service Contract to the Selectboard. Unanimously approved.

5. Budgets

The committee discussed preparing a ten-year plan to replace personal protective equipment and fire hoses. The committee had prepared a report of its needs for all departments that was presented to the Budget Committee and Capital Budget Committee.

The equipment needs report to the Budget Committee and Capital Budget Committee is 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

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6. Equipment needs

RVFD Chief Collette presented to the committee quotes to purchase air packs. It was the consensus to purchase the air packs this fall instead of waiting til mid spring when the price may go higher.

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by RVFD Chief Collette, the committee voted to approve to purchase three air packs from \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Unanimously approved.

7. Other Business

RCFD Chief Preston presented to the committee a proposal to replace the leaky tanker with a Tanker/Rescue truck. The concept of this type of truck is to place the JAWS of Life into one vehicle, eliminating the congestion of three extra fire trucks at an accident scene. It is the consensus of the committee for RCFD Chief Preston to proceed with his proposed study and come back to Fire Advisory with additional information and pricing for a tanker/rescue.

8. Adjournment

At 2020 hours on motion by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, seconded by RCFD Assistant Chief Wheatley, the committee voted to adjourn until the next scheduled meeting of Tuesday, October 9 at 1900 hours in the Town Hall Conference Room A. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit LaBounty  
Chair of Fire Advisory