

Fire Advisory Meeting of October 9, 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) Rob Wheatley (RCFD), Keven Taylor and Scott Hannon (ERFD).

1. Call to order

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

2. Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of September 11, 2012 as amended.
Unanimously approved

3. Communications

Mr. Adams provided the committee with an update on the status of new equipment and narrowband programming to be sometime in late November. Committee members inquired if there was any outside work needed to be done around the tower on Rand Road prior to winter season.

Chief Collette updated the group on the radio upgrades for each department. The installation is still on track for mid-November. New mobile radio's will have 255 channel capability and all of these can be put on one bank. Discussion was had regarding what frequencies should be programed with scan capability at this point repeater, talk around and tanker were suggested. I total of 16 channels can be programed into the scan mode.

Discussion was had regarding what will be done with the old portable and mobile radio's. Each FD will keep a spare mobile unit and a few portables. The rest will be turned over to the town and possibly donated to those that have a need.

The committee inquired if all frequency permissions had been received particularly Roxbury Fire Department. Status will be announced at next meeting.

4. Dry Hydrant Request

The committee received a request from George and Joan Cocuzzo to place a dry hydrant on their property at 522 Lemery Road in Braintree. Tut Doane reported his findings with regard to a potential dry hydrant site in West Braintree on the Lemery Road. Basically as it stands the site would only be able to service that resident. That being said based on the fact it will only serve a single residence town or grant funding will not happen. If the resident wishes to install at their own expense they are welcome to do so. Resident will need to take matter up with Vermont ANR.

5. Update on proposal for RCFD Tanker/Rescue/Auxiliary and Apparatus Equipment Needs

Randolph Center Fire Department will continue research for a new tanker/rescue to replace the Tanker, which has a leaky water tank.

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6. Other Business

The committee discussed scene fire training at an outbuilding on the Pinello Farm and inquired on the hold harmless form for the Pinellos and fire departments.

Discussion ensued regarding how the fire departments handle HEP B shots and how it was paid for. The Town of Randolph has an exposure control plan all members including new hires are to be HEP B Vaccinated. Should the individuals decline the shots they are required to sign the hold harmless section of the exposure control plan. The funding for the shots comes from the operating budget under medical expense. Group requested that Chief Collette resend a copy of the plan to RCFD & ERFD.

7. Adjournment

At 2025 hours on motion by Larry Thurston seconded by Rob Wheatley the committee voted to adjourn until the next scheduled meeting of Tuesday, November 13 at 1900 hours in the Town Hall Conference Room A. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Collette
RVFD Chief

or

Kermit LaBounty
Chair of Fire Advisory