

Fire Advisory of November 12, 2013
Conference Room A, Town Hall 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Mel Adams (Town Manager), Kevin Wheatley (Brookfield) Ken Preston and Dana Williams (RCFD), Jacob Boule and Paul Campbell (ERFD), Tom Schersten (Liaison), and Tuthill Doane (Braintree).

1. Called to order

Mr. LaBounty called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

2. Minutes

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by RVFD Chief Collette, the committee voted to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 as amended. Unanimously approved.

3. Randolph Wastewater Treatment Plant &

4. Existing Fire Hydrant on Hedding Drive

Mr. Goodling from DuBois and King presented to the committee an update of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project. It was recommended that the gate to the Wastewater Treatment Facility have a paddle lock as well as a Knox box on the building. Discussion ensued regarding the fire hydrant on Hedding Drive and if it had adequate pressure for the service area (Hedding Drive). RVFD Chief recommended the hydrant be able to produce 1000 gallons per minute. If the pressure is under that amount, it may need to be upgraded to a larger one or the water source may need to be reviewed.

5. VTC BioDigester Project

Ms. O'Leary of VTC, presented to the committee an update on VTC's BioDigester Project. It was reported that the digester system is low-pressure methane, and unlikely to explode. Discussion ensued concerning that the proposed fire hydrant be relocated within 500-600 feet from the access road to the Biodigester building rather than using one on the maintenance building access road. The project is scheduled go online January 2014. Ms. O'Leary has offered a tour of the facility for Fire Departments.

6. Dry Hydrant

It was reported that the Peth Road dry hydrant has been repaired and is ready for testing by RVFD. Mr. LaBounty and Mr. Doane have presented Mr. and Mrs. Tabor of Riford Brook Road, Braintree with the dry hydrant agreement to review. If they approve the agreement, the document will be dropped off at the Braintree Town Clerk's office. If approved, Mr. Doane through the Town of Braintree, will pursue a dry hydrant grant in 2014.

7. Communications

It was reported that Radio North has reprogrammed RVFD's communications equipment with the new repeaters. ERFD and RCFD reprogramming are to be scheduled. Each Chief will contact RadioNorth directly to schedule the reprogramming.

8. Update on RCFD Fire Truck

It was reported that the sub-frame has been built and that delivery of the truck is pending February 2014.

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9. Auxiliary and Apparatus Equipment – NFPA

RVFD Chief Collette presented a proposal for the department’s Scott Air Packs and explained the new NFPA 2013 revision implication for face shields to be in compliant by 2015.

10. 2014 Wage Increases

On motion by RVFD Chief Collette, seconded by ERFD Chief Boule, the committee voted to approve the wage increases for 2014 and to recommend final approval by the Selectboard. Unanimously approved.

2014 wages are recommended as follows:

Firefighter	Lieutenant	Captain	Assist Chief	Chief
\$ 8.73	\$ 9.60	\$ 10.56	\$ 11.62	\$ 12.78

11. Proposed FY2015 Fire Department Budgets

The committee reviewed each Fire Department’s proposed FY2015 budgets. Discussion ensued regarding funding to repair two of RCFD’s fire trucks including the tower.

12. Usage of Pinello Barn for Training purposes

The committee reviewed proposed hold harmless agreements and will be distributed to the appropriate parties.

13. Other Business

RVFD Chief Collette informed the committee that the Town of Granville is disputing it bill for a grass fire, which took place in early 2013. The town of Granville did not have enough money in its budget to cover such a large invoice for Randolph Fire Departments to respond to a brush fire in East Granville. The committee reviewed options that the Town of Granville could pursue including changing the responding fire department to the Town of Roxbury.

14. Adjournment

At 2125 hours, on motion by RVFD Chief Collette, seconded by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, the committee adjourned until its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 1900 hours in Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit LaBounty
Chair