

Fire Advisory Meeting July 8, 2014
Town Hall Conference Room A, Randolph Town Offices

Attendees - Kermit LaBounty (Chair), Larry Thurston and Jay Collette (RVFD), Tut Doane (Braintree), Kevin Wheatley (BVFD), Paul Campbell and Kevin Taylor (ERFD), Dana Williams and Kenny Preston (RCFD), Alex Northern (VTC Fire Program), Trini Brassard (Liaison)

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair LaBounty at 19:00.

2. Minutes of June 10, 2014

On motion of Collette, seconded by Williams the committee approved the meeting minutes of June 10, 2014 as amended.

Amendments are as follows -

Attendees and item 1. Kermit LaBounty and Paul Campbell - spelling corrections

Item 7. Loren Bent (spelling) and "...the next Braintree Selectboard meeting."

3. Communications

Preston discussed difficulty with radio communication during Howard Hill call but that service in that area has been a challenge. Others stated the communication during that call was clear on their radios.

Braintree frequency change - Doane will follow up with the selectboard and the group requests a letter from Randolph Town Manager to the Braintree selectboard asking for the plan to coordinate frequency changes in all the impacted radios and to see if grant funds they are receiving to pay for equipment could be used to offset some of the cost for reprogramming.

4. Auxiliary and Apparatus Equipment

On motion of Preston, seconded by Thurston the committee approved Collette seeking quotes for air packs and ordering them. Departments need to get size information to Collette within the next 30 days.

5. Other Business

Road closures in Braintree anticipated - Route 12A from 7/18 - 7/21 to replace a culvert and Bent Hill Road for up to 6 weeks to replace a culvert. Need follow up to determine if they will be closed at same time, 911 addresses where the closures will take place and then get notice out to emergency responders.

Firefighter 1 training is going to be in Bethel. Preston advised he had spoken with organizers to reserve 10 seats for the Randolph departments and Brookfield. A quick count of folks needing to attend showed 3 ERFD, 3 RCFD, 3 BVFD and 1 RVFD.

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Minimum wage changes passed during this last legislative session will impact the fire budgets. Need to work these into the draft budgets.

6. Adjourn

On motion of Thurston, seconded by Collette the meeting adjourned at 20:00

Respectfully submitted,

Trini Brassard
Liaison