

Fire Advisory of April 14, 2015
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Kermit LaBounty (Chair), Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Representatives of Vermont Castings Project: Bob Wright (Vermont Castings) & John Benson (Dubois & King), Representative of Subdivision in Braintree: Paul Rea (property owner/developer), Tut Doane (Braintree), Kevin Wheatley (Bfld FD), Ken Preston and Dana Williams (RCFD), Paul Campbell and Jacob Boule (East Randolph).

1. Call to order

Mr. LaBounty called the meeting to order at 1905 hours

2. Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015

On motion by RCFD Chief Collette, seconded by RCFD Assistant Chief Williams, the committee approved the minutes of March 10, 2015 as amended. Unanimously approved.

3. Vermont Casting Foundry Renovation

Mr. Wright and Mr. Benson provided an overview of Vermont Castings Foundry Renovation Project. Highlights on: creation of a roadway around the exterior of the building, majority of the renovations will take place interior. It was the consensus of the committee that the project will not have an impact to fire services. RVFD Chief Collette completed the necessary form pertaining to the impact.

4. 5 lot subdivision in old Gravel Pit Route 12A Braintree

Mr. Rea (Property owner/Developer) of the 5-lot subdivision on Route 12A Braintree gave an overview of the project. There will be a five-lot subdivision located at the old Gravel Pit in Braintree. Highlights: building a hammerhead type roadway during the first phase of the project expanding the entrance to the subdivision to 50' easement with a 24' wide roadway to accommodate large vehicles to enter without a sharp turn and in the case of a fire event the water will be taken from the Randolph Village fire hydrants. It was the consensus of the committee that highlights discussed were their recommendations. RVFD Chief Collette will complete the necessary documents regarding the impact to fire services.

5. Backup Plan for Dispatch

Nothing further to report on this subject at this time.

6. Communications

Nothing to report on this subject at this time. At a future meeting Orange County Sheriff Bohynak and RadioNorth representative will be invited to discuss the possibilities and needs equipment needs for a communications test with OCS and the possibility of using OCS as a backup resource for dispatching if Barre City Dispatch goes down .

7. Auxiliary & Apparatus Equipment

RVFD Chief Collette reported the bids for RVFD's Cab and Chassis have gone out and are due at 2:00 p.m. on April 21.

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RVFD Chief Collette reported that cost for airpack has increased and the possibility of each department making up the difference within their budgets to pay. The cost for the airpacks is \$20,113.80. It was the consensus of the Committee for Chief Collette to purchase the equipment.

8. Other Business

RCFD Chief Preston reported he had a discussion with VTC Fire Services Professor Alex Northern regarding the continuation of VTC students training with the Randolph Fire Departments and the use of VTC's Fire Tower.

RCFD Chief Preston reported that Gifford Medical Center will be conducting an open house at its new facility on Route 66 in Randolph Center. It is scheduled for 6:45 p.m. on April 27.

RVFD Chief Preston informed the committee the cost to repair one of RCFD fire trucks may increase by \$2,000. The increase would bring the repairs up to \$17,000. It was the consensus of the committee to have the truck repaired.

RVFD Chief Collette expressed his concerns when a road is closed by the town that the 911 addresses be provided for the affected area. This is vital safety of the public and property, not to have a delay in response time to an emergency incident. The example brought up was the recent closure of Howard Hill and the lack of information on the affected area and 911 addresses not being provided.

The committee inquired if the town had an open burn ordinance. If there is one, to provide it for review at the next Fire Advisory meeting.

9. Adjournment

On motion by RCFD Chief Collette, seconded by ERFD Chief Boule, the committee voted to adjourn until its next scheduled meeting of Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 1900 hours in Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street. Unanimously approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit LaBounty
Chair