

Fire Advisory Meeting of December 13, 2016
Town Hall Conference Room A, 7 Summer Street

Attendees: Kermit LaBounty (Chair), Joe Damintia (VLCT), Mel Adams (Town Manager), Jacob Boule and Paul Campbell, (ERFD), Jay Collette and Larry Thurston (RVFD), Tuthill Doane (Braintree), Kevin Wheatly (Brookfield), Riley Brown (Fire Warden), Ken Preston, Dana Williams and Dave Farnham & Wally (RCFD), Michael Hildenbrand (Liaison)

1. Call to Order

Mr. LaBounty called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours

2. Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2016

On motion by RCFD Assistant Chief Williams, seconded by BVFD Chief Wheatley, the Committee approved the minutes of November 8, 2016 as presented. Unanimously approved.

3. Insurance

Mr. Diamiata of VLCT explained to the committee that fire personnel are covered using their personal vehicles responding to a fire scene and on scene. It is strongly suggested that on a fire scene, the vehicle red lights are flashing and appropriate emergency signage is displayed. Once fire apparatus is on scene, to position the apparatus for the safety of the fire police and remove the personal vehicle.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$500 deductible for personal vehicle covered by the Town may be outdated. It was recommended to request the Selectboard increase it up to \$1,000 as the majority of fire personnel carry higher deductibles.

4. Status of Dry Hydrant

The Committee reviewed correspondence from ANR's Stream Altering staff member, regarding diverting the stream to recharge the pond at the bottom of Howard Hill.

On motion by RCFD Chief Preston, seconded by ERFD Chief Boule, the Committee requested Town Manager Adams obtain all appropriate permits for the Howard Hill dry hydrant site and pond. Unanimously approved.

The concensus of the committee that all future installed dry hydrants will have a six inch elbow instead of 4.5 inch. The dry hydrants at Howard Hill and Halls in Braintree have been tested and draft properly.

5. Radio Communications

Discussion ensued regarding the current communications with Barre City Dispatch. The equipment has been tuned the best it will be. It was the consensus of the committee to seek quotes for dispatching services with Capital West, Orange County Sheriff and Hartford Police Department.

6. Auxiliary & Apparatus Equipment

RVFD Chief Collette reported that a second request for proposal as a second round for a replacement of the RVFD Engine 2 lost in the September 1, 2015 fire.

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RCFD Chief Preston will be obtaining quotes for a new cascade system with capabilities to fill new 45 SCBA bottles, as its current air compressor is not reparable.

RVFD Collette provided quotes for the SCBA tanks that need to be replaced.

7. FY2017 Hourly Wages\

On motion by RVFD Chief Collette, seconded by ERFD Chief Boule, the Committee approved the 2017 wages as presented: Firefighter: \$10.00; Lieutenant: \$11.00; Captain: \$12.10; Assistant Chief: \$13.31; and Chief: \$14.74. Unanimously approved.

8. Other Business

No other business

9. Adjournment

At 2100 hours, on motion by RVFD Assistant Chief Thurston, seconded by ERFD Chief Boule, the Committee adjourned until its next scheduled meeting of January 10, 2017 at 1900 hours in Town Hall Conference Room A. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kermit LaBounty
Chair

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