

RUMNEYFIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MINUTES
April 14, 2014

Commissioners: Terry French, Timothy Lewis
Chief: David Coursey
Firemen: Ray Valentin, Carl Spring
Explorer: Paul Spring
Clerk: Diana Kindell

Chairman Terry French opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Current accounts payables were reviewed and explained to the new Commissioner, Tim Lewis. The Lakes Region Dispatch bill – the third received – in the amount of \$14,836 is above the projected amount budgeted for the year 2014. The budget amount being \$14,337. Selectmen's liaison, Ed Haskell suggested EMS pay the additional amount. However, Ray stated the squad voted against that. Director Bill Taffe has just arrived home and Ray will discuss the situation with him and get back with a final answer.

Ray provided written quotes from two companies for the infrared cameras as follows:

Bullard	T4Max (1 large unit)	\$13,999
Bullard	Eclipse (2 small units)	\$16,499
ISG	(single unit)	\$10,098

No quote has been received from Argus, but the one reviewed was about \$8,000.

Both quotes include 2 extra batteries and a wall and vehicle charger.

Pros and cons were discussed – The Bullard has a better scale and does offer a payment plan of three payments over three years. ISG does jump scale but has a temperature bar on the side and offers cold spot tracking. Methods of financing were discussed – primarily fund raising. Tim Lewis stated he still has a connection with an Army Fire Commissioner and will call and discuss this with him both for information and resources. There is training available on both units.

Ray provided information on Active 911 and is using a free trial at this time. The system provides information directly to a smart phone, computer, land line phones or pagers. When a smart phone is programmed with GPS it will provide location, times, water locations, landing spots, hydrant locations, all persons signed on to a call and all report data. The free trial lasts for ninety (90) days and rolls over to five (5) phones free. With full programming there is a \$12.00 yearly fee. Terry thought this was good. Ray felt the members would pay for their own at this time – there are presently five people using the free trial. Ray will contact Paul Steele and arrange for more detail.

There is the possibility of flooding with the rain this week and Ray will be off on Tuesday and available to address any needs that arise.

Fire Watch: Chief Coursey received a call from Ryan Healy, Groton Wind Farm, with information on a 24/7 fire watch that will be provided until the fire suppression systems are completely installed in the wind mills. Iberdola is hiring a firm from Boston and offering some of this work to locals. The Boston firm provides the cruisers, does the schedule and handles all the payroll. They expect the job to be complete by July 1st. The following showed an interest – Dan Madeglia, Carl Spring, Sam Coes, Ray Valentin and Nick Coursey.

Chief Coursey briefed the Commissioners on inspections planned –

Salem Trust/Hunter – he and the State Fire Marshall need to inspect all buildings for a license update.

Fairpoint – new card replaced the key to the building – needs to make contact for training within the building

Conference Grounds – alarm system has new workings – a meeting with 123 Lock will be set up to review that system with members. The Wright Lodge will have to be evacuated whenever an alarm goes off and fire crews will check the entire place.

Russell School – plans have been prepared for a 3.8 million dollar addition and the Chief will be involved with the planning stage. He also needs to go through the '57 section of the present school with the Fire Marshall. If there are sufficient deficiencies within that structure, it will qualify the town for state funding toward the replacement.

Forestry truck – Dave pointed out a hearing is necessary to accept the highway unit. He has looked at one being sold in New Hampton as they just purchased a new truck.

Carl Spring reported on the breakfast held on April 12th – they served 47 people and cleared \$174.00.

Tim Lewis questioned having a town-wide yard sale as several residents at the lake have questioned one being available in town.

With the weather changing, there are now fire warning numbers available on a daily basis. Check the sign for the daily update. A permit is required prior to any burning.

An applicant will be asked to attend the next Commissioners meeting.

The booster radio for the trucks to enable cell service at a cost of \$250 will not be installed. There is no funding for this.

Chief Coursey spoke with Jim Burns, owner of the property on Stinson Lake where the dry hydrant will be located, and he is fine with it being there. He just wants to know the exact location on his property.

Carl Spring spoke of the Explorers attending a 2 day fire training at Twin Mtn. School in Vermont. The cost is \$100 per student. The boys will also be attending a weekend challenge being held this summer in Lancaster.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk

