

RUMNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 16, 2014

Commissioners: Terry French, John Bagley, Tim Lewis
Chief: David Coursey
Deputy Chief: Jim McCart
Firemen: Carl Spring
Clerk: Diana Kindell

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

The minutes of June 9, 2014 were approved with one change.

Chief Coursey spoke of the need to update the department membership applications. Issues to include are medical conditions, misuse of drugs and proof of motor vehicle insurance. The requirement of a physical prior to joining and all CDL licensed drivers shall carry a medical card – mandatory in January 2015.

The applicant committee will check into physical options and cost at Speare Memorial Hospital and further discuss how to cover the expense.

The department SOP's should include "automatic drug test" when a vehicle is involved in an accident. Driver history checks and background checks will continue to be part of the process to join the department.

The Farrar bid specs were reviewed and approved by the Commissioners. There is a \$1000 minimum bid. Bids are due in the Selectmen's office by August 4th and will be opened and reviewed at their meeting that night.

When should we hold a public hearing regarding the transfer of the highway department truck to the fire department? Should it be in August or September? The forestry truck in New Hampton has the necessary equipment to outfit the truck. The town of New Hampton is now looking to move the truck and a bid of \$1000 - \$1500 on this truck was discussed. John B. made a motion to enter a bid, seconded by Terry French and agreed to by all. Dave wanted to talk to his Selectmen liaison, however the commissioners wanted the bid to be submitted. A bid will be prepared and submitted.

There will be a propane/gas training put on by Amerigas on July 26th. It will be a multi-department training. The Ladies Auxillary will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers that day.

Dave has been working on setting up a burn training for fall – permits need to be obtained. This will take place in Dorchester at the former Joyce farm and would include mutual aid companies.

DRED – State Forestry has a trailer parked in Warren which is full of gear and ready to roll when needed. Steve Sherman would like to have it inside if possible. Dave questioned cleaning out the West Rumney station and allowing them to store the unit there.

There is a Forestry Grant available and the Chief will be applying for gloves and other small supplies through this grant.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kindell
Clerk