

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2021  
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Attendance: D. Buchanan, R. Cable, D. Katz, J. Miranda, J. Yeotas  
Also in attendance: S. Waugh, P. Neary, R. Klem

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Commissioner Buchanan moved to approve the December minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh discussed the disposal of old engine 4. So far, there's been no movement, and he may have to reduce the asking price. Commissioner Buchanan moved to authorize Chief Waugh to do as he sees fit in order to sell the engine. Commissioner Yeotas seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Waugh reviewed the incident report. There was a total of 546 calls for 2020. Most everyone in the Department had their first COVID vaccine. Some are waiting for their second shot. He is hoping to return to in-person classes with firefighters wearing masks and staying six feet apart. The selectmen are working on hiring the consultant. The current budget is mostly in good shape, except for sick time due to COVID quarantines. Hoping this will change with the vaccine. The Chief has reviewed the turnout gear and is looking at the vendor, Fire-Dex. The Department will be using Tracy's in Derby for maintenance. There are three probationary new volunteers, two in college and one in his 30s who lives in town.

Marshal Neary discussed the incident report. For the year, there were 123 burning permits. There was no education at the schools because of COVID. Marshal Neary expressed concern about emergency fire investigation as Lucy retired and sometimes Marshal Neary and Skylar are not available. They will need to find a new protocol, such as, contacting neighboring towns. Marshal Neary reviewed the proposed operating budget. The total amount decreased to \$9,700. It was suggested to increase salaries by 2.3%. Also, Marshal Neary proposed a placemark of \$10,000 for future capital to upgrade technology.

The Commission went into Executive session at 8:05 pm. The Commission came out of Executive session at 9:08 pm. There were no motions nor actions taken.

Chief Waugh reviewed the radio situation. Trumbull generously gave the Department their old low band radios. In the future, there may be a problem with parts. The Chief presented the proposed new budget. He included a salary increase and overtime increase due to coverage when new hires attend the academy. Commissioner Katz moved that Commissioner Buchanan is authorized to sign off the proposed budget, even if there are minor changes. Any major changes would be presented to the entire Commission. Commissioner Miranda seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary

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