

**Alton Fire Wards
Alton Fire/Rescue Department
Alton, NH 03809**

January 11, 2006
Fire Wards Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Chairman Ken Roberts, Vice Chairman Richard Quindley, Fire Chief Alan Johnson and Secretary Mary Jane Dascoli

Members excused: Board Member John Scott

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Chairman Ken Roberts at the Central Fire Station.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Quindley to accept the agenda for the January 11, 2006 meeting with changes noted, seconded by Chairman Roberts. All in favor, the motion passed. It was agreed to hold the minutes of the August 17, 2005 meeting and the December 14, 2005 meeting as the Vice Chairman was not present at the August meeting and Board Member Scott was not present at the December meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was agreed to hold the minutes of the August 17, 2005 meeting and the December 14, 2005 meeting as the Vice Chairman was not present at the August meeting and Board Member Scott was not present at the December meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT None

CORRESPONDENCE None

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Johnson stated the siding has been completed at the West Alton Station and it looks great. All nine live-in students assisted Mike Viscariello of Viscariello Home Improvements to get the job done. There is some trim paint to be done still. Plymovent Co. came and installed the exhaust system at the West Alton Station. There is still some work to be done and Chief Johnson said he'd be doing the finish work.

Chief Johnson added that 2005 was a busy year. The Fire Department responded to 742 calls for service; 240 Fire, 327 Medical, 89 Motor Vehicle Accidents and 86 Service calls.

Chief Johnson reported the cost of the new pump at the East Alton Station was \$2,225.97; however, the East Alton Association donated \$1,000.00 to the Alton Fire Department to assist with this unanticipated expense. The check was forwarded to the Finance Office for the Town.

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NEW BUSINESS

Summer EMS shift coverage was discussed. The board members questioned when most of the calls come in, whether it is day or night and when most people are needed. The secretary was instructed to make copies of these statistics to be reviewed at the next Fire Ward meeting.

Ambulance 3 was discussed regarding its use and whether or not to keep it. After a discussion, the board members decided to take Ambulance 3 out of service, once Ambulance 1 comes back from North Carolina having been repainted. The Chairman asked Chief Johnson if we would be getting a loaner Ambulance while ours is out of service, more discussion followed.

The last three months expenditures of the 2005 Budget were reviewed. Chief Johnson was asked to justify for the next meeting how/why he had spent \$21,000.00 in the last three months from line item 4220-016 Firefighter Wages, when he had spent \$29,000.00 for the first nine months.

OLD BUSINESS

The new truck was discussed, especially the overall size of the truck, height vs door size at the West Alton Station. More discussion followed and it was agreed the bay door at the West Alton Station would be an issue and needs replacement anyway. Discussion on this truck will continue at the next meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made by Chairman Roberts to adjourn to non-public session at 5:45pm, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. The Board Members were polled with all voting in the affirmative to adjourn to non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II. The motion passed. A motion was made by Chairman Roberts to come out of non-public session at 6:26pm and seal the minutes, then return to the regular meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. The Board Members were polled with all voting in the affirmative to adjourn from non-public session and resume the regular meeting. All in favor, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairman Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm; seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. All in favor, the motion passed – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Dascoli
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: 2/1/06