

**ALTON FIRE WARDS  
ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT  
ALTON, NH 03809**

April 12, 2006  
Fire Ward's Meeting Minutes

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to accept the agenda for the April 12, 2006 Meeting with additions noted, seconded by Chairman Roberts. All in favor, the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to accept the minutes from the February 1, 2006 Meeting, seconded by Chairman Roberts. All in favor, the motion passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT**     None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter addressed to John Scott from the East Alton Fire Association was discussed.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Johnson reported the Fire Department has been busy with calls; 58 calls for the month total which is an increase of 11 calls over March of last year. He stated that the EMS Lieutenant has been working with him on the Summer shift coverage to come up with a better schedule relative to EMS cover for the Town. Chief Johnson added that with the high cost of vehicle fuel and the increase in calls over the Summer, our fuel budget is going to be affected also. Chairman Roberts asked the Chief to prepare some schedules with figures for review at next meeting.

Chief Johnson stated that the forest fire season is off to a busy start. Forestry hose is being tested and replaced as needed. The Chief added that if calls continue as they have recently, the forest fire expense portion of the budget may overrun. After some discussion, it was decided to do a memo to notify the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator of this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. The Ambulance account and its balance was discussed. Chairman Roberts stated he would call the Town Administrator to see about setting up sub accounts under this one; three would be nice to keep track of consumables, payroll, and the lease payment.

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**NEW BUSINESS** (cont'd)

B. Engine 1 and the repairs done to it last year were discussed. It was decided to keep a close eye on things, baby the truck, and not spend money on it. Chairman Roberts stated he would have Jeff look at it monthly.

C. A discussion of vehicle(s) and where they were housed was held. The Secretary was asked to do a listing of each truck and where it is housed.

D. A discussion was held regarding Fire Department members with 25+ years of service. The secretary presented the Board with a listing to show members with extensive service time. Chairman Roberts asked Chief Johnson to find out what other Towns do and what impact that would have.

E. Chairman Roberts made a motion to elect John Scott to the position of Chairman and Richard Quindley to the position of Vice Chairman, seconded by Richard Quindley. All in favor, the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**     None

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**             None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Quindley to adjourn the meeting at 5:10pm, seconded by Chairman Scott. All in favor, the motion passed – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Dascoli  
Recording Secretary  
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Date approved

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John Scott, Chairman

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Richard Quindley, Vice Chairman

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Ken Roberts, Board Member