

Campton – Thornton Fire Commission meeting Minutes May 10, 2010

Meeting called to order by Dan Morel at 1615 hours.

Members present = Dan Morel, Niles Downing, Dick Giehl, Jim Demeritt

From Fire Dept. = Fire Chief David Tobine, Deputy Chief Ian Halm

The minutes of April 12, 2010 were read and approved.

Old Business: There was more discussion regarding the agreement request from the Town of Plymouth regarding reimbursement to the Town of Plymouth when Campton requests a Paramedic intercept on medical emergencies. The Thornton BOS also received the letter and voted not to sign the agreement.

The Commissioners and Fire Chief feel that if a paramedic intercept is requested, that Plymouth can do the transport and bill the patient themselves. There are not enough instances to warrant an agreement at the present time. Chairman Morel will discuss this further with the Select board.

Regarding bids for the old Ford Explorer. Chief Tobine stated he advertised the vehicle in two newspapers and received No bids. The Commission authorized the Chief to sell it by whatever means he feels best. Craigs List was suggested. There is No minimum price restriction.

Chief Tobine reported on the Swift Water Rescue Course he and several department members attended last month. The course was a Friday evening and weekend long and training was done in Tilton and Ashland. Two members are now certified as Technicians and six personnel certified at the Awareness level. Congratulations to the participants.

Chief Tobine is working on a program to replace alert pagers, as the current frequency band is being phased out by Lakes Region. The mobile and portable radios are compliant and will not have to be replaced.

The Job Description for the position of Fire Chief was discussed and it was felt by the majority of the Commissioners that a little tweaking on the copy that Chief Tobine passed out a while ago would be all that is necessary. Once that is done and approved, then the guidelines will be in place for the Chief to follow as well as the requirements for future hires.

New Business: Chief Tobine informed the Commission of the difficulty he is having in the office due to the its' size and layout . The office appears to be less than 75 sq. feet and "L" shaped and is the primary work space for himself and the secretary. It is packed with files and computers and when someone needs to meet with the chief, their seating places the secretary in between them, making conversation awkward and disrupting to say the least. The Commission is fully aware of this situation and knows it needs to change soon, but options are few as the building is the responsibility of the Town of Campton. Chairman Morel will make a plea to the Campton Select board for funds for renovation and at the very least, explain the poor conditions to them .

Discussion regarding the firefighter position that has been filled by per diem firefighters for the past 17 months due to a Workers Comp issue was visited. The law allows for the replacement of a disabled employee after 18 months and it appears that the effected employee won't be cleared to return to duty before then. Chairman Morel will write a letter informing the employee of the Commissions intent to terminate his employment to allow the Department to move on and rehire a full-time Firefighter/EMT.

As no further business was forthcoming, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded and passed unanimously at 1720 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Downing.