

Meeting called to order at 1605 by Niles Downing. Commission members present: Niles Downing, Dick Giehl and Jim Demeritt.    From the fire department: Chief Tobine

Reading of the minutes from August 9, 2010. Minutes were approved as read unanimously.

Old Business: Firefighter Josh Fitz joined Firefighter Dan Defosses in becoming certified as an EMT-Intermediate. Congratulations to both firefighters.

The new Tahoe has been shipped to the dealer in Littleton. Still no word on when the Fire Dept. will receive it. There was only a minor price increase due to the upgrade in YOM.

7 candidates for the position of Full-time Firefighter/EMT were interviewed by the Chief and Deputy Chief. One candidate scored well on the interview and also has the necessary certifications for the position. She has also passed the State physical requirements for the position of Career Firefighter. Chief Tobine selected Kristy Tobine. A motion to approve the Chief's recommendation was made by Jim, seconded by Dick. The motion was approved unanimously by the Commissioners. Congratulations to Kristy.

Chief Tobine reported that the State Labor Dept. came by regarding some labor law violations. As the Fire department has a Tax I. D. number, there is a need for a Safety Committee. There is no written Safety and Health Plan either, which is required. The Chief was advised that there are three violations which the department will be fined for. It is apparent that there is a communication gap between the State and the community. All violations will be addressed and any fines will be appealed. There is a need to establish a : Joint Loss Management committee, Develop a written Safety and Health program and also a Safety Summary form. Chief Tobine had information to get started on these requirements and will be working on it immediately.

Chief Tobine requested permission to take a class in Maine that will require two nights lodging. Jim made a motion to grant the request, seconded by Niles, passed unanimously.

Plans for an addition to the fire station to accommodate the critical need for office space, public entrance access, sleeping accommodations for on-call emergency providers, bathroom and kitchen upgrades and other needed space requirements were discussed. Chief Tobine provided copies of a floor plan that would address the needs. The Commission is supportive of most of the plan, but can see that it would take a lot of volunteer assistance to make it affordable. Two committee members will attend the next Campton Selectboard meeting to explain the plans.

At the next Commission meeting, the Budget process begins for the next year.

The need to start a Capital Reserve for apparatus purchases is something that the Commission feels needs to be placed on the Town Warrant. Thornton is already doing this. This issue will also be brought to the Selectboards attention at the next meeting.

As there was no other business pending, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim, seconded by Niles. Passed unanimously at 1655 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Downing