

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dan Morel at 1608 hrs.

Present: Commissioners Dan Morel, Dick Giehl, Niles Downing, Jim Demeritt, and Todd Baldwin

CTFD : Chief Tobine. Also for the budget portion of the meeting were Campton TA Ann Marie Foote and Thornton TA Tammy Beaulieu.

The minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2010 were read and approved with corrections.

Chief Tobine passed out the monthly ambulance income report. Totals as follows:

Total income for this period : \$19,639.93, Collections (FFR)- \$33.34 = \$19,606.59,  
COMSTAR= \$1764.59, Campton \$10,367.70, Thornton \$6,792.63, Ellsworth \$715.01

Chief Tobine completed the required paperwork and sent the application to the State Labor Board for their review regarding the newly established Safety Committee ....

The Command vehicle has had the radios, lights and siren installed and is lettered.

New Business: Chief Tobine reported that the Department was awarded a grant for forestry equipment in the amount of \$2700 which has to be matched by the Department. It is for the purchase of a high pressure forestry pump and Mop-up Kits for which includes forestry hose and nozzles and fittings. Thank you, Chief Tobine, for your continued effort to secure these valuable grants.

At this point the upcoming budget was roughed in with input from the Campton and Thornton Town Administrators. Chief Tobine inquired about having a percentage of the Ambulance income placed in an account that would be accessible for emergencies such as the possibility a defibrillator went out of service, stating that it is an essential piece of equipment. Jim and Tammy both stated that there are funds already in place that are accessible for emergencies like that. Dick Giehl stated that the money generated from ambulance service goes into the general funds and therefore is the same pocket that funds the budget anyway.

Tammy wanted to set the date for the budget meeting with the other departments and the boards of Selectmen. Possibly January 11 2011. We will know by next meeting.

Figures for disability insurance for FD employees needs to be researched. The Employees handbook states that the Towns will supply this, but there is nothing at the present.

The budget portion was completed at 1710 hrs.

Jim brought up a concern voiced by the Thornton Board of Selectmen regarding nepotism. Apparently there is some perception that the selection of the latest firefighter was influenced by the fact that the firefighter is related to Chief Tobine. It is the Commissions stand that we are confident that the most qualified person for the job was hired. The paperwork and certifications and test results of the candidate bear this out. It was suggested by Niles that in the future, a Commissioner be on the selection panel if there is any potential conflict of interest. There was some discussion but no decision at this time.

As no other business was brought forward, a motion was made by Dick to adjourn and seconded by Dan. Passed unanimously at 1717 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Niles Downing