

Meeting Minutes, December 7th, 2015, 7pm

Greenfield Fire Department

P.O. Box 146, Greenfield, NH 03047

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:58pm** after all members returned from a call that needed a landing zone set up for the DART helicopter to transport a patient.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** Present: D. Adams, Lt. Babb, C. Borden, Cpt. Borden, K. Clark, Z. Davis, D. DeCosta-Gallo, K. Dubey, Lt. Duval, J. Duval, Chief Hall, B. Hesseltine, Dpt. LaCourse, Cpt. Lange, D. Martin, J. Murphy, C. Robidoux, D. Simmons, A. Voglino.
Absent: C. Murray, J. Sweeney.
Excused: D. Batty, D. Jones, M. Maguire, A. Temple.
3. **VISITORS:** Karen Day
4. **NEW APPLICANTS:** Caleb Black
5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Nov. minutes were emailed. Members voted to accept minutes as emailed.
6. **APPARATUS REPORTS:**

- 13 Rescue 1: In Service: Step needs to be repaired.
- 13 Engine 2: In Service: Bottom Siphon Strainer needs to be replaced/repaired.
- 13 Engine 3: In Service: Gas cap needs to be repaired.
- 13 Tanker 1: In Service:
- 13 Brush 1: In Service:
- 13 Utility 1: In Service:
- 13 Boat 1: In Service:

7. DRILLS, MEETINGS AND TRAININGS:

- Rescue Drill:** Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 7pm. Location: GFD. Dress for the outdoors!
- Fire Drill:** Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 7pm, Location: GFD. Dress for the outdoors!
Truck Checks: Will schedule and send email.
- Next Business Meeting:** Monday, Jan. 4th, 2016, 7pm, at GFD.
- Other Training Opportunities:** On Dec. 15th, at 1pm, there will be a webcast about the ladder trucks called "Quint Essentials". Our new truck is technically a Quint, because it is a ladder truck with a pump and water tank. The Chief will send members the link.
- MCH:** Will be holding a workshop on drug abuse and the use of NARCANS next Tuesday.
- DART landings:** The Chief went over a review of what we do when we are preparing an LZ, landing zone, for the DART helicopter. At tonight's landing, the Chief had spoken with the pilot and he said that GFD did a fine job of setting up the LZ, but reminded the Chief that each pilot can be different in their expectations. The Chief went over turning off the headlights so the pilot can see the orange blinking beacons that are set out and have a better reference point.
- Peterborough Ambulance:** The paramedic on the ambulance that responded to tonight's call just wanted to let the GFD know that his request for DART was not to be taken as second guessing GFD request for ambulance transport to MCH. After patient was assessed, the paramedic made a decision that it would be in the patient's best interest to be transported via helicopter, verses sent to MCH, where the patient would most likely be transported, via ambulance, to another facility due to the injuries. Members of GFD did not take any issue with DART request and agreed with the assessment of Peterborough's paramedic that it was in the patient's best interest.

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8. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sunday Morning Church at GFD 9am-11am:** Ongoing: This is open to all members who can attend. No fixed agenda . . . we clean, fix, build, repair or train as needed.
- **ID Cards:** Any update? Cards are complete and were handed out tonight.
- **Burn Building Committee:** The Chief has been meeting with the Cilley family and American Steel Precast Erectors and with other fire chiefs and staff from the Fire Academy and will have more detailed information at a later date.
- **Christmas Party:** Reminder: The GFA & GFD Christmas Party is Dec. 12th at 6pm. Thank you for the GFA in hosting this event. The Chief asked that members wear their uniforms.
- **Smokey Costume:** The Grant was not awarded to us.
- **Crotched Mountain Water Access:** Cpt. Borden informed members that we have the go ahead to bring the tanker up and make sure we have proper fittings and that they have proper fittings. Dpt. LaCourse will arrange a training on a Sunday for doing this, as it would be beneficial to do this in the daylight.
- **Grant Updates:** Doug sent an email on Grant updates he is working on. The Chief and the Secretary have it on file. We have not been accepted for any as of this date. Doug will continue applying for Grants, in hopes we are the lucky recipients at some point in time! Thank you Doug!

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Winter Carnival:** Jan. 30th, 2016. GFA & GFD does a pancake breakfast, car wash and station tours.
- **Truck Purchase:** The Chief said that the Ladder/Tanker truck purchase is going forward. Area Fire Departments are already requesting updated run cards, so they can request the truck on calls if necessary. This will be a positive addition to GFD's equipment and the service it can provide as well as improving safety conditions for its members during firefighting.
 - *Jen expressed that she didn't like hearing about the purchase of the ladder truck from second hand news and that she felt the members should have been told about it before others knew about it. The Chief apologized that that had happened and explained that he had to speak with the Selectboard before anything became final. After the Selectboard approval, the Chief would inform members. It happened that there was a newspaper reporter there who went ahead and printed an article about it before it was finalized. The Chief said he was not happy that the reporter did an article on it even after he asked him to wait, as there was no finalization. Sadly, we live in a world of instant information via electronic devices and that can do more harm than good. Cpt. Lange commented that it's the Chiefs job to oversee the entire department and as members, we are not always privy to all the information, but we will all get a report when things are finalized.
- **Locker Room:** We will be building a locker room to house all bunker gear for members. This will be built where the boat is currently kept. Other arrangements have been made for boat storage. The Association and the Town will be splitting the cost of materials for this project and the members will build it under the supervision of Cpt. Borden, who is a builder by trade. This has needed to be done for a long time. Currently, and in the past, the conditions for members getting dressed in their gear has not been safe, a couple of members have been burned by hot exhaust pipes. The NFPA no longer allows gear to be hung next to apparatus because of the health risk; turnout gear should not be constantly exposed to exhaust fumes . Not to mention that when the trucks are washed after calls,

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the gear on the walls gets wet. Having an enclosed locker room where the gear can be stored safely, dryly and the members can get in and out of it safely, will be a welcome addition.

- **Medical Bag:** Cpt. Lange has informed members that the Medical Bag has been updated. He will also be scheduling a training of some new equipment that will be a “game changer”! Stay tuned!

10. CHIEF'S & OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- **New Members Vote:** The Department voted in new members: Anna Voglino, Kelsea Dubey and Krystal Clark. All three have been actively participating in trainings, calls and show enthusiasm and skill. Welcome to GFD, we are glad to have you!
- **Have a nice Holiday everyone!** You have all done a great job all year. Keep up the good work!
- **Thank you for a great dinner tonight!** Kristine Hall, taco soup, Dorene Adams, corn bread, with and without eggs! A special thanks to Eunice Drew who made us some yummy cookies!

11. Dinner volunteers for January: Team Borden! Anyone who would like to bring something to compliment the meal, please contact Chris.

12. MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dorene Adams

Secretary