

# March 7, 2016, Meeting Minutes, 7pm

## Greenfield Fire Department

P.O. Box 146, Greenfield, NH 03047

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:00pm by Chief Hall.

**2. ATTENDANCE:** Present: D. Adams, Lt. Babb, D. Batty, C. Black, C. Borden, Cpt. Borden, D. Decosta-Gallo, K. Dubey, T. Dubey, Lt. Duval, Chief Hall, B. Hesseltine, G. Hennessey, Dpt. LaCourse, Cpt. Lange, M. Maguire, D. Martin, E. Nichelson, D. Simmons, A. Temple, A. Voglino. Excused: D. Jones, Cpt. Patterson, C. Robidoux. On Leave: T. Chilelli, K. Clark.

**3. VISITORS:** Karen Day, Bob Marshall, Stephanie Babb, Kristin Batty, Louise Gryval.

**4. NEW APPLICANTS:** None

**5. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Feb. minutes were accepted as emailed.

### **6. APPARATUS REPORTS:**

- 13 Rescue 1: In Service: Front diamond shaped light bulb is out on passenger side. Drivers door locks and doesn't open. Moto will fix them.
- 13 Engine 2: In Service:
- 13 Engine 3: In Service: Indicator light shows door is open all the time. Moto will fix it!
- 13 Tanker 1: In Service: No repairs needed, except the leak that been there for years.
- 13 Brush 1: Out of Service: Will be put back in service as soon as possible. Chaz reported it needs a pressure gauge.
- 13 Utility 1: In Service: Dave Martin has been doing a huge amount of work re-organizing and going through the truck. Dave Simmons made some suggestions and the two are working together to improve the functionality of the unit. All are looking forward to the end result.
- 13 Boat 1: Currently winterized. Will be getting this ready for in service.

### **7. DRILLS, MEETINGS AND TRAININGS:**

- Rescue Training: Tuesday, March 8th, 7pm at GFD.
- Fire Training: Tuesday, March 15th, 7pm at GFD.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Week Training: Wednesday, March 23rd
- Next Business Meeting: Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at GFD.
- Other Training Opportunities:

\*There will be a FF2 class, in Peterborough, beginning March 21<sup>st</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please notify the Chief if you want to sign up a.s.a.p. Space is limited.

### **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.
- Burn Building Committee: Updates: The Chief informed members that he is developing a committee of Fire Training personnel from the State of NH, as well as other people who have experience in developing a fire training building. This is very exciting and he has gotten a lot of positive responses. More details to follow as this develops. We have also received a \$2500 donation from American Steel Precast Erectors for the Chief to use at his discretion and will receive a matching \$2500 if GFD/GFA can raise another \$2500! Many thanks to the generosity of this company who has gone above and beyond our wildest expectations. Not only are they donating monetary funds, but they

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are helping us to build the building, as well, at no charge. We will, however, need to buy some additional materials for the project. The members are very excited about this venture and the benefit this will be to the Town of Greenfield, as well as the surrounding Fire Departments who will be able to practice in this building, since the nearest burn training building is in Concord and it is difficult to schedule its use.

- Grant Writing: Updates: Doug Batty has been putting in a lot of volunteer hours writing a variety of grants for the Dept., which is incredibly time consuming and requires very detailed explanations, as well as lots of research. All members are very appreciative of the time and effort Doug is putting in to help the Dept. obtain better equipment. Many thanks for all you are doing Doug! Let's hope we get selected and approved for some of these grants!
- Delivery Date of Used Apparatus: Update: 13 Ladder 1 will be paid for this week and title received! Delivery of the apparatus will be the end of next week and a crew from GFD will go to pick up the truck. The Chief of the Department, selling us the apparatus, will train the crew from GFD and then Moto will drive it back to our station. They will also be giving us a variety of equipment and gear they no longer need, as they are getting new items and we will go through and pick out what we can use and then donate the items we do not need to other area fire departments who are in need of the items. Many thanks to the generosity of the Sherborn Fire Department! Gene has offered the use of his enclosed trailer to bring back the equipment, as have others in the department. The Chief and Cpt. Borden will assess what will be needed to transport the equipment and notify those needed.
- Road Race in April: Update: Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup> will mark our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 5K & 10K road race. This will be a family friendly event. Stephanie Babb, member of the GFA, is coordinating this event. Please help spread the information about this event and we hope everyone will plan to attend and/or participate! Stephanie has done a magnificent job at coordinating this event and has sponsorship from a number of area businesses and has over 20 people, already signed up for the race! Thank you, Stephanie, for your efforts!
- G.A.P. Insurance: Louise Gryval, a member of GFA, will help us handle the GAP Ins. forms and reporting. Please fill out and return your forms to Louise a.s.a.p.

### **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Training: Cpt. Lange thanked all members who showed up Sunday to help a boy scout earn his merit badge! He also encouraged members to continue to participate in everything they can and attend every training they are offered, if possible, in order to stay strong and confident in what they are doing! If any member has any questions or feels they need extra help or training on equipment, please contact him and he will make arrangements to work with them.
- Chiefs Comments: The Chief praised and consoled the members on a call they went on that, sadly, ended with a loss of a Greenfield resident that many of us knew and were very fond of. He went on to explain that everyone on the call handled themselves with the utmost professionalism and he was very proud of everyone. Not all calls that we respond to have good outcomes and is even more difficult because we often know the residents we serve and care for. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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- New Fire Standards for Training: The Chief read a letter from the State of NH regarding new standards for trainings. All persons enrolling in trainings need to have a medical form filled out by their physician giving them clearance for participation. The Chiefs suggests that when each member gets their physical, that you have your physician fill out the form and it gets put in your folder so you will have it when needed for future trainings. See the Chief for the form needed. It is recommended that you get this done as soon as you can.
- New Member Voted in: Ariel Temple was voted in as a member after fulfilling the probation period.
- Dpt. LaCourse is a registered EMT, again! Congrats Dpt. LaCourse!
- Bob Marshall: attended the GFD meeting tonight to let everyone know he was running for selectmen and asked for their support. He said his goal was to work with the Town employees, committees and other volunteers to help bring the town together and to help support our town's departments. He said he was proud of the Greenfield Fire Dept. and that he had served on the Volunteer Study Committee with the previous Chief, Loren White. He stated that being on that committee taught him a lot and that he has seen a total transformation of the Department since Chief Hall was recommended for the position by Chief White in the Fall of 2013. He thanked Chief Hall and all the members for stepping up and making the changes necessary to take the Department forward.
- Hep B Shots: The Chief has made sure there is money in the budget for all members to get a Hep. B shot if they have not already had this done. The shots are good for 10 years. It is imperative that everyone on the department be vaccinated against Hep. B. This is a serious illness and you do not want to risk being exposed to this. Please see the Chief to make arrangements to get this done.
- 225<sup>th</sup> Update: Dorene requested that GFD provide a color guard for the Parade, as well as having the Rescue truck set up at a first aid station at Oak Park. Will ask GFA if they would do a booth with historical items. The Chief suggested they have 13 Ladder 1 in parade and then when at Oak Park they will extend the ladder with the Flag attached. Great idea! Cpt. Borden volunteered to be in the dunk tank!
- May is EMS month: Dorene reminded everyone that we were going to do an EMS presentation at G.E.S. this year like we do in Oct. for Fire Prevention Month. It's important that the kids get to see and meet all the EMT's and tour the Rescue truck as well as the Fire trucks. Cpt. Lange will head this up. Dawn and Dave were also interested in helping. Dorene will do a reminder at the April meeting.
- Paracord Bracelets: Trent volunteered to make paracord bracelets and will donate proceeds from the sale of them to GFA. He has contacted a business that will display them. More details to follow.
- GFD Facebook page: Stephanie Babb and Chris Borden volunteered to update and post items and will be the administrators of GFD's fb page. Thank you ladies for doing this for us!
- Thank you for dinner! Team Borden made the main course and brownies, Dpt. LaCourse brought the salad, the Chief brought the bread, Eunice Drew, a resident, made fudge and cookies, Dawn's daughter made muffins!

**10. Dinner volunteers for April:** Emily and Trent volunteered for April. If anyone else wants to bring something, please coordinate it with them. Thank you!

**11. MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Dorene Adams  
Secretary