

Meeting Minutes, August 3rd, 2015, 7pm

Greenfield Fire Department

P.O. Box 146, Greenfield, NH 03047

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08pm by Chief Hall.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present: D.Adams, Lt. Babb, D. Batty, Z. Davis, D. Decosta-Gallo, Lt. Duval, J. Duval, Chief Hall, B. Hesselstine, Deputy LaCourse, Cpt. Lange, M. Maguire, D. Martin, J. Morris, Deputy Murphy, D. Simmons.

Absent: D. Andrews, A. Labonte, Cpt. Patterson, Lt. Rychwa.

Excused: C. Borden, Cpt. Borden, C. Murray.

3. VISITORS: Karen Day

4. NEW APPLICANTS: Anna Voglino: has level 1 FF, Krystal Clark: has level 2FF. Anna & Krystal will be our first enrollers in the Bunk House Program. Kelsea Dubey: resident of Greenfield who is interested in EMS and is a driver/operator with Wilton/Lyndeborough. Welcome to GFD!

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT: July's meeting minutes were emailed. Accepted as emailed.

6. APPARATUS REPORTS: Discussion about repairs and maintenance.

- 13 Rescue 1: In Service:
- 13 Engine 2: In Service: Needs a battery.
- 13 Engine 3: In Service:
- 13 Tanker 1: In Service:
- 13 Brush 1: In Service:
- 13 Utility 1: In Service: Alternator and both batteries have been replaced.
- 13 Boat 1: In Service:

7. DRILLS, MEETINGS AND TRAININGS:

- Rescue Drill: Tuesday, August 11th, 7pm. Location: Greenfield.
Water Rescue Drill. Be at the Station by 6:45 and be prepared to go in the water!
- Fire Drill: Tuesday, August 18th, 7pm, Location: Greenfield.
Continuation of last months drill. Bennington will be bringing their tanker.
- Officer's Meeting & Truck Checks: Wed., August 26th, 7pm.
There is a training that is offered by Peterborough on this date and all GFD personnel are encouraged to attend. The Chief will email you detailed information.
- Next Business Meeting: Monday, August 31st, 7pm, at GFD.
This meeting date will be the Sept. meeting, as the regularly scheduled meeting would fall on Labor Day.
- Other Training Opportunities: Chief Hall will be emailing GFD members the information about the training that Peterborough will be offering on Wed. the 19th at MCH and Wed. the 26th doing water shuttle. All GFD members are invited to attend. Moto encouraged members to make an effort to attend, as this is a valuable training exercise and you have an opportunity to learn a lot about how to run the water supply. If you learn how to work the water supply, properly and efficiently, you will save more property and lives!

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8. OLD BUSINESS:

- Sunday Morning Church at GFD 9am-11am: This is open to all members who can attend. No fixed agenda . . . we clean, fix, build, repair or train as needed.
- Fire Wood Sales: Contact person: Chad Murray. Any update? NONE
- ID Cards: Any update? The Chief says they should be ready in 2 weeks.
- Burn Building Committee: Any update? NONE
- Fundraising Calendar: Any update? Not happening this year. Cook book idea was discussed and Dorene suggested we turn it over to the Association, since that's what they do for the Dept. All were in favor! Karen Day offered to put it together when the items were collected. The Association can work with her if they decide to take this on.
- Items tabled until further notice:
 1. GFD Web Page: Chief Hall will provide updates as they become available.
 2. The Towns 225th Anniversary: Dorene will provide updates.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- Resignation: Jim Morris announced that after much thought, he feels he needs to step down from the Fire Warden position and resign from the Department. He is finding that he cannot commit the time that is needed to these positions at this point. He stated that he is very pleased with how the Fire Department is thriving and is glad to see all that is going on. There are more Firefighters on the Department now than in the past. He is very pleased to have been a part of the positive changes that have occurred within the department and hopes to be able to return in the future, if timing permits. Everyone thanked Jim for his years of service and he will be greatly missed, though we will still see him around town!
- Changing Positions: Jim Murphy will be stepping down from the position of Deputy Rescue Chief. Jim explained to the members that he cannot physically perform the duties involved and feels it's best if he steps down from the position. Jim will continue with the department and help out in other areas. Cpt. Alex Lange will take over Jim's responsibilities and will be RC1. Lt. Jason Duval will be taking over as Fire Warden and will be 13W1 and C7.
- Homeland Security Grant Money: Doug explained to the members that we have an opportunity to apply for money involving Hazmat, Training and MCI and equipment needs. The deadline is Sept. 13th and Doug will be filling out the paperwork with the input of the Officers.
- First In Bag Changes: Cpt. Lange gave a demonstration of the First In Bag and how it is now set up so it should be easier for EMS personnel to locate the items they need for patient treatment.
- New Protocols: Cpt. Lange is having the Town print out copies of the new protocols in order for the Department members to take the online protocol test. You will be emailed when these are ready.
- T-Shirts: The Chief passed out a list and asked members to put their name on the list if they need t-shirts. Discussion about shirts ensued. Jennifer will be looking into other vendors and pricing options for the Dept.
- Bunk Room Program: The Bunk Room Program is in the works. The Association will be purchasing bunk beds for the room. It is anticipated that the program will be up and running by the weekend of the 8th or the following. We have two signed up already to participate.

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10. CHIEF'S & OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- The officers met, but there isn't anything to report to the department.

11. Dinner for next month: Moto (Deb) will make chop suey, Jeff will bring bread, Doug will bring salad and Zach & Brian will bring ice cream! Thank you!

12. MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:26pm

Closing comments: The Chief said he spoke to one of Peterborough's Deputy Chiefs who was very impressed that not only do we never miss a call, but we always get at least 4 to 5 responders on every call. The Chief thanked everyone on the department for their continuing hard work and dedication!

Respectfully submitted,

Dorene Adams,

Secretary