

# Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

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Jan. 4, 2022

The February 7, 2022 meeting began at 7:10 with Budney, Tim Lee, Berardis, Kerop, and David in attendance.

Minutes of the January 3, 2022 were accepted as written. Moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Berardis. Unan.

Financial Statements were reviewed. They look in good shape.

Chief reports the election of Officers remains the same as last year. The Chief and Deputy remain the same. They were voted on as Commissioners. Moved by David, 2<sup>nd</sup> Berardis. Unan.

Deputy reported there was a Water Company grant for Blitz nozzles has been submitted. There was no word on the Essex Savings Bank grant (a grant for non-profits). It appears no one submitted paperwork for this grant. He also discussed a recent meeting with the topic of new vehicles. He said the prices of these vehicles will go way up, and there will be about a two year return on the purchase. This may be necessary to speak to bring this to the attention of the Board of Selectmen, as well as the Board of Finance.

He also informed the Commission of potential new emissions that will be required for each truck.

There was no Engineer's report.

Fire Marshal's Activity report was discussed. There were 14 calls last month. He has working on a grant for fire prevention equipment.

Chairman said he had talked with the Selectman at length on rejuvenation the fire house project. Previously, this topic had been suspended until the Needs Assessment recommendations are available. Now the Commission would like it to process, and see where it goes.

He said the Selectman received an estimate for the roof for \$20,000.00, and would like to obtain other quotes.

The ARPA funding was discussed. Chief would like radios purchased with the money, but will get quotes for each vehicle, than go through the list to prioritize needs. He has a meeting scheduled already.

Under Old Business, Lee went through the Departments need for the next several years. He said the FD Officers would like to keep the UTV on the list.

Adjustments to the budget was also discussed.

Fire Marshal along with another Member have been working hard to put in grants for packs. They will be informed mid-year if they are favorable recipients of this grant.

Davis asked to get a copy of Retirement figures to inform Members if they qualify or not. There was a brief discussion on the possible appointment of a new Commissioner. There have been two people discussed, but no appointment as been made.

Election of Fire Commission Officers are as follows: David as Chairman. Moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Berardis. Unan.; Berardis as secretary, Moved by Budney, 2<sup>nd</sup> David. Unan.

There was no Other Business.

This meeting adjourned at 7:43. Moved by Berardis, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Budney. Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Clerk