

# Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

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Dec. 7, 2020

The December 7, 2020 meeting was as a Zoom meeting. It was attended by Budney, Kerop, Tim Lee, Tom Lee, Dube, Berardis, McDonald, and Eckenroth.

The meeting began at 7:06 PM.

Minutes of the November 2, 2020 were accepted with the following corrections; the gasoline tank is at the town garage; Insurance through The Connecticut State Chief's is paid through the DRFD.

Moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dube. Unan.

The meeting then focused on business that involved input from McDonald and Eckenroth. This consisted of dialog concerning the purchase of a new truck. There were questions concerning financing and time, along with this going to public vote. Lee also asked about the Needs Assessment project. McDonald said he was still working on it.

Financial Statement were addressed. Budney said there were bills that did not get listed. There was a surplus on the washer and dryer, which may be used to repair a valve.

The Chief spoke about the snow plowing contract. It was decided to get clearer information on the cost of the parking lot across from Headquarters, before completing the contract.

Low band radios need to be discussed with McDonald. It appears they will not work in this area without extensive upgrades. He also asked if this should go into the Needs Assessment category. Lee will try to set up a meeting with Town Hall Representatives, He will also inquiry about putting this into the Capitol Budget. He also reports there have been no in person meetings lately.

The Deputy reports they are finishing writing the Forestry Grant. The Winthrop project is going well.

Hydrant markers are needed. This would have come from the Waterhole line, but that was eliminated. So, now the Commission would like to know where they can get the money for them. David will ask McDonald.

Ct Water Co. sent information on a \$1,500.00 grant program. The Department would use this grant money to purchase a new manifold. It would only cost the Town about \$600.00.

Budney asked about Bowden's status. He was told that Bowden submitted a resignation, and Berardis will continue as a Commissioner soon.

Engineer reports vehicle maintenance is looking at significant repairs. 552 is in the shop, but passed pump test. 553 need to have a radiator replaced.

The Fire Marshal reviewed his Activity Report. 13 calls.

Chairman report was given by David. He said most of his report was covered when McDonald was available during this meeting. He also stated if anyone had any issues to bring them to him and he would do his best to bring them to the Selectman.

Under Other Business, Budney reported that COVID is covered through VESO.

Kerop reported the Department did not get the grant for air packs. He encouraged the Department to file again this year.

Budney requested that something be done for outgoing Chairman Bowden. There were some suggestions given.

The Commission will soon have their own email address to communication with the Townspeople.

There was no Under Old Business.

This meeting adjourned at 8:06. Moved by Dube, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lee. Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Thompson".

Clerk