

# Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

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Feb. 9, 2021

The Feb. 8, 2021 meeting was as a Zoom meeting. It was attended by David, Budney, Kerop, Tim Lee, Tom Lee, Berardis, and Dube.  
The meeting came to order at 7:12 PM.

Minutes of the January 4, 2021 were accepted as written. Moved by Budney, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lee.  
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Financial Statement were addressed. Budney stated that Vehicle Maintenance will be over budget. Otherwise it looks good. Bowden (former Commissioner) said he was overpaid to Port Niantic, and has sent a check back to the Town, for approximately \$140.00. There was a discussion on where the original payment came from, and if it should go back to the Town's general fund or not. Budney will investigate and find out where the overpayment should be returned to.

The Chief reports he finalized the new budget.

Siding at Winthrop Station is being done. However, some bad boards were uncovered and to finalize the replacement, it will cost about \$3,600.00. The Town approved the expenditure to have this work done.

Election of Department Officers' are the same as before with the exception of J. Dee's retirement. J. Kollmer will now be the treasurer.

All vaccines are up to date for the members that wanted them.

Engineer Lee was looking at the books and found a mathematical error which takes 20 air bottles out of service before the Commission had expected. Someone will notify the Town of this error because they will need to be replaced sooner than expected. It was decided that the Town would be notified of the before the budget workshop.

Deputy reports how good Winthrop Station looks and would like to thank the Town crew for their help.

Engineer reports they are working on annual testing.

The Fire Marshal reviewed his Activity Report. 8 calls. His Assistant is going through training.

Chairman thanked the Departments elected Officers'. He is working on trying to get the tax abatement up to \$750.00, but needs a list of surrounding Town's to have something tangible to show the Selectmen. They are still working on the Fire House expansion.

Election of elected Department Officer's to the DRFC was moved by Dube, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Unan.

Under Old Business, Budney said that the windows are bad, insulation is wet and the boiler is getting old. They all need repair.

There was a discussion on surrounding Town's elected officials getting stipends pay for their service. Budney will get a list of each Town and what each official gets as a stipend to present to the Town. He also questioned why the Highway Department can sand the parking lots at the Stations.

A plaque for Bowden was also discussed.

Under Other business Lee asked to start meeting in person in March. They will make as socially distanced as possible. It was determined that would be alright.

This meeting adjourned at 7:49. Moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Budney. Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Clerk