

# Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

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March 2, 2021

The March 1, 2021 meeting was as a Zoom meeting. It was attended by David, Budney, Kerop, Tim Lee, Tom Lee, and Berardis. Dube was absent. The meeting came to order at 7:01 PM.

Minutes of the February 8, 2021 were accepted with the correction of an omission as follows: David was voted in a Chairman. Moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Budney. The current minutes with the change was moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Berardis. Unan.

Financial Statement were addressed. The check from Port Niantic went into the Fire Department account. All other bills look good.

The Chief questioned how to handle the death of an active member for insurance purposes.

Deputy had no report at this time.

Engineer had no report at this time.

The Fire Marshal reviewed his Activity Report.

Chairman said the budget was being looked at Town Hall. There were questions concerning different bills submitted for snow removal. It was determined the snow plower was paid by the inch, and covers three specific areas. The talk about Tax Abatement seems to be looking like it may be raised to \$750.00. More information may be reviewed to change this amount. Assessment Needs has not been done. David will ask why this is not going anywhere. Maybe someone else could step in and help with this request, and relieve McDonald from it. There was also a discussion on the waterhole budget. It seems the Town is not clear on how this money is spent. It only goes to maintenance and upkeep of the waterholes. Budney will specify how this operation works. He would like to see firm specs on a new truck very soon to present to the Town. It may be possible to start getting something put in place during the end of this fiscal year. It was suggested that member(s) should go to Board of Finance workshops to explain the monies they are requesting.

Under Other Business, Lee said the P25 radios have been tested and working out well. He would like to determine how many radios the Department will need to get the system running properly.

Berardis questioned if the existing Insurance is up to date, or if it should be reviewed. Lee will ask the Town to look into the current policy and see if it is currently a policy that grows with inflation.

Under Old business Kerop said the Fire Fighter grant was submitted and now they are just waiting for a response.

David will gather the names of members for the retirement benefits.

It was suggested that the Fire Commission should attend Selectman/Board of Finance meetings to find out why no issues brought forth to the Selectman have been acted on. They would look for clarification on what the Board of Finance has been told.

This meeting adjourned at 8:00. Moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Budney. Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Clerk