

# Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

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May 5, 2020

The May 4, 2020 meeting was as a Zoom meeting. It was attended by Budney, Kerop, Tim Lee, Dube, Tom Lee, Bowden, and A. McDonald.

The May 4, 2020 Deep River Fire Commission meeting began at 7:13. The minutes of the April 6, 2020 meeting were accepted as written. Moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> David. Unan.

Financial Statement were reviewed. Budney said he needed to talk to someone at Town Hall with some changes that need to be made. Vehicle maintenance has gone over budget due to an unexpected repair on 5 5 3. Other bills were normal. Chief asked if the Financial Statements could be emailed, so everyone can get a copy. Selectman said he could have that happen.

The Chief reports they have had a good response to the drive by birthday parades they have been doing, and still have more requests for them. He will be working with Kerop to set up Fire Department Zoom meetings. They may try doing some on line training.

He said more spots have developed on the ceiling from water damage. Selectman said he would make a call to have someone come in to access and repair the roof as needed. Gina sent the paperwork on the washer/dryer.

The Deputy thanked all responders who went to calls. The waterhole on Kelsey Hill has been repaired and operational. He also said there was a code to use for supplies needed because of the Coronavirus. If anyone needs the code, to ask him for it.

Engineer reports 5 5 3 was a big expense. There was a snag with the radios and the radios have been sent to Motorola.

The Fire Marshal said there were 9 calls last month. He is still working with the owners of the Ivory restaurant. They would like to open and sell take out soon.

An alarm system is being installed in the building on Main Street which is attached to Halle-Jos.

Bowden asked if there was any word on the SBCA grant yet. Fire Marshal said it could be months before he gets a response.

He is still in demo mode with the online tool.

There was a discussion on trouble signals going off. McDonald said it happens at Town Hall also. It may be from rain, but McDonald said he would have someone look at it when they become available.

The Chairman reports he has been concentrating on campaigning for new apparatus. There have been no meetings about the Firehouse.

Under Other Business, There was a discussion on the need and use of a Fire Department Needs Assessment. This will be discussed again at next month's meeting. Kerop can help locate groups that do this work.

In Old Business, David said the Retirement Committee met with the Selectman, and they will meet again. Should letters go out to members to inform them who is and is not eligible to collect on this account, was a topic, followed by discussion. McDonald said members should be keeping track of their own hours. The above may also stand true with the Tax Abatement too. Bowden suggested to have someone either part time, or delegated to keep track of this information. McDonald said it may not be a bad idea to implement this type of service. Lee said the Department Secretary could help compile some information, and possibly send letters to members quarterly. There was also a discussion about the budget. David stated that Members were upset about the new truck. Tim Lee thanked McDonald for his support on this matter at a Board of Finance meeting. Tom Lee stated that the Department had allocated money for the new truck as well.

This meeting adjourned at 8:20. Moved by Dube, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Budney. Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Clerk