

**Gilford Fire-Rescue
Board of Fire Engineers
19 May 2011**

The Board of Fire Engineers met in regular session on Thursday, 19 May 2011 at 39 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, New Hampshire.

Present: Chairman William Akerley, Engineer Don Spear, Chief John Beland, Deputy Stephen Carrier, Firefighter Jeff Madon

Excused: Engineer Philip Brouillard, Executive Secretary Catherine Tokarz

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0815 hours.

I. Salute to the Flag: All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Adoption of Minutes: Engineer Spear moved to approve the minutes of 19 April 2011 meeting. Chairman Akerley made the second. Vote was unanimous.

IV. Budget Review:

A.2011 Budget Review: Chief Beland: Approximately 33% expended.

V. Activity Review: Chief Beland distributed the year-to-date activity reports and statistics.

VI. Members Response Activity: DC Carrier reported that letters have been sent to members in violation of minimum response standards.

VII. Apparatus and Equipment:

A. Truck Committee: FF Madon reported the committee will have a draft spec completed in the near future. Committee members have been visiting fire department reviewing and evaluating recently purchased apparatus. Chief Beland & FF Bob Adams will touring the E-One manufacturing plant next week.

B. New Vehicle Purchase: Chief Beland reported he expects that delivery of the Car 1 replacement should be in the next 2-3 weeks.

D. Thermal Imaging Camera: Chief Beland reported he expects delivery of the Thermal Imaging Camera in the next 2-3 weeks.

E. Fire Pump Service: All of the fire pumps have been serviced. No major mechanical issues were identified. Some plumbing issues on E4 were corrected.

F. Board authorized Chief Beland to purchase a defibrillator for Ambulance 1 using funds in the ambulance supply account.

VIII. COMSTAR Ambulance Billing Contract:

The board reviewed the COMSTAR contract and then authorized Chief Beland to sign the contract which is in effect May 1, 2011–April 30, 2014.

The Board discussed the Participating Contract with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. The Board authorized Chief Beland to file the appropriate paperwork to terminate the current contract.

VII. Training:

A. Fire Training Facility: DC Carrier reported members are working hard to have the facility ready for the July 9th open house. He is confident we will meet the deadline.

B. Training Update: Shift and Wednesday night trainings continue. DC Carrier published the new shift training schedule to all members.

DC Carrier reported Dr. Aldridge presented an excellent program on head trauma last evening.

FF Madon reported on the 2nd Alarm Water Supply Mutual Aid drill held on May 9th.

VIII. Fire Prevention:

Inspector Pendergast gave an update on the Hannaford Market construction project. Opening of this business is projected for fall 2011.

IX. Other Business:

X. Non Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (a): Entered Non-public session at 0945 hrs. Exited non-public session at 1000 hrs. No action taken.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1005 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

John J Beland

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Fire Chief