

**Gilford Fire-Rescue  
Board of Fire Engineers  
17 August 2010**

The Board of Fire Engineers met in regular session on Tuesday, 17 August 2010 at 39 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, New Hampshire.

Present: Chairman William Akerley, Engineer Philip Brouillard, Engineer Don Spear, Chief John Beland, Lt. Richard Andrews, FF. Dominic DeCarli, Inspector Dana Pendergast and Executive Secretary Catherine M. Tokarz. ANSWERING

Guest: Chief Stephen M. Carrier, Tilton/Northfield Fire Department

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 0823 hours.

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

Chief Carrier of the Tilton/Northfield Fire Department was welcomed and congratulated by the Engineers and Staff for his selection as Deputy Fire Chief.

**II. Adoption of Minutes:** Engineer Spear moved to approve the minutes of 27 July 2010 meeting. Engineer Brouillard made the second. Vote was unanimous. Engineer Spear moved to approve the sealed minutes of the 27 July 2010 meeting. Engineer Brouillard made the second. Vote was unanimous.

**III. Budget Review:**

**2010 Budget:** The budget is adequately expended. The Vehicle Account is of concern only if there are major unanticipated repairs based on the fall inspections. Tires are needed for the Utility and front tires for Engine 2. The Chief will review scheduled vacations to date for budgetary purposes.

**2011 Budget:** Staff is in the process of compiling budget requests based on their areas of expertise. Chief Beland distributed budget worksheets to the Engineers and requested they review the summary adding their suggestions and offering direction. The budget must be submitted to the Finance Director by Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Fire Engineers will meet August 19<sup>th</sup> for a preliminary budget work session and again on August 26<sup>th</sup> for a follow up work session. Chief Beland attended the Summer Town Forum. The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator both explained to the six residents who attended the meeting that Town employees have made considerable concessions over the past years resulting in reduction in benefits and salary.

**Capital Projects 2011:** Dee Chitty, Building and Grounds Supervisor put out to bid estimates for replacing the carpet upstairs of the Station with tile. This recommendation is based on the air quality testing conducted this spring as a result of the mold issue in the Decon Room.

**IV. Personnel:**

**A. Deputy Chief Appointment:** Stephen M. Carrier of Gilford has been appointed to serve as Deputy Chief.

**B. Call Company:** The six new members of the Call Company have completed orientation. There are several more on the waiting list.

**V. Apparatus and Equipment:**

**A. Breathing Apparatus:** The new SCBA's are in service. Alton Fire Dept purchased thirteen units with an option to purchase the remaining nine.

**B. 8 Rescue 1 Refurb:** FF. DeCarli reported that the repairs to the Rescue by Valley Fire Equipment are going well. No major issues were found. The rotten head light buckets were replaced for a nominal charge.

The body work has been completed and it has been primed and the edges painted. Humid weather has delayed the painting process; however the project is still on target with expected delivery date by mid September. The generator has been reconfigured to our specifics and the light tower has been ordered. Valley Fire has been diligent in either repairing minor issues or has shown FF. DeCarli how to make the repairs himself. The Forestry, housing the rescue tools, will be taken to Valley Fire Equipment August 23<sup>rd</sup> so that each can be custom mounted on the Rescue for ease of use. FF. DeCarli was thanked for his off duty trips to Bradford to follow the progress of the refurb of the Rescue.

**C. Pump Testing:** Only one issue was discovered during pump testing; Engine 1's flow meter discharge.

**D. Vehicle Repairs:** A2 cab air conditioner was repaired. An American Flag will be placed on the Rescue. There were issues with rotating tires on Engine 2 which was rectified by Belknap Tire. Irwin's will repair the anti freeze leak on A1 on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**E. Hose Testing:** An outside vendor (Fail Safety) was contracted to complete hose testing. This was done in 6-hours, with hose repacked expertly on the apparatus. As an added benefit, the pumps on our apparatus weren't stressed as they usually are during testing. The work they did was first-rate. Chief Beland will follow up with the company to discuss several issues relative to this process. A detailed report of all findings will be available next week. Out of thirteen sets of hose, five were placed out of service for repairs.

**F. Outboard Motor Sale:** Gillian Marine consigned the old outboard motor for \$420.00.

## **VI. Training**

**A. Fire Training Facility Fund Raising:** Chief Beland will speak before the Gilford Rotary membership on behalf of the FTF fund raising on 20 August. At this time, there is \$4500 in the FTF. New Durham Fire Dept. has offered the funds from their annual fund raising event (a raffle of tickets to the fall NH Speedway Race) for funding the FTR if we take on the project of selling the tickets. Estimated projected is \$2700. Other grants are anticipated. Building materials have been donated. Lt. Richard Andrews and Inspector Pendergast have designed the floor plans. Site work will be completed to accommodate parking. An open house is scheduled for spring 2011.

## **VII. Fire Prevention:**

**A. Patrick's Pub Sprinkler System:** Chief Beland and Inspector Pendergast met with the owners of Patrick's Pub & Eatery to discuss installation of a fire sprinkler system at the restaurant. Chief Beland stated that there is no doubt that a sprinkled building reduces multiple fatalities and keeps firefighters safe. Discussion revolved around the type of establishment Patrick's Pub is; a restaurant or a night club. Currently, there is no municipal water to that area of town to supply water to a sprinkler system. Without this, it will be a substantial expense for the business owners. The State Fire Marshal has avowed that he believes Patrick's falls within the parameters as requiring a sprinkler system. The Fire Engineers reiterated that it is important to be consistent with all businesses within Gilford. Chief Beland discussed the 24-month plan for implementation.

**B. Town Hall Sprinkler System:** The police expansion project, under the current floor plan, requires a sprinkler system; this includes sprinkling the existing Town Hall as well. As a way to keep costs down, the Fire Engineers have been asked to consider amending Gilford's Fire Code that was adopted March 2010 to exempt this requirement from the expansion project. The Fire Engineers would not advocate amending the Fire Code however; Engineer Brouillard recommended that the Town Administrator contact Walter Mitchell, Town Attorney, for a variance. This will, in effect

take the Fire Department, who is responsible for upholding the Fire Code, out of the decision.

**C. Fire Permits in Associations:** Multifamily developments, including cluster home parks, mobile home parks, and condominium developments are now required to present a letter from their association's Board of Directors authorizing the issuance of Category I permits. Samoset has requested relief to allow for grills on decks which is unlawful. WMUR produced a feature on this issue recently.

**VIII. Other Business:**

**A. Selectmen's August 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** The Fire Department is on the agenda for a periodic review. The Fire Engineers are invited to attend with the Chief. It is expected that at this meeting, donations to the Fire Training Facility will be accepted. It is also hoped that the consignments of the outboard motor and the old SCBA will be accepted and assigned into the Fire Training Facility Fund as well.

**B. Lifesaving Award:** Chief Beland thanked Chairman Akerley for attending the award ceremony at Ellacoya State Park recognizing the life guards who saved a drowning victim last month.

**C. Appreciation:** Chief Beland expressed his appreciation to FF. DeCarli for constructing a secured area for gear. The Chief also thanked Inspector Pendergast for his expertise and assistance in dealing with fire sprinkler issues.

**IX. Non Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3II (a):**

Engineer Brouillard moved to enter Non Public Session at 1015 hours. Engineer Spear made the second. Vote was unanimous. All exited the meeting save for Board members, Chief Beland and Deputy Carrier. Engineer Spear moved to exit Non Public Session at 1037 hours. Engineer Brouillard made the second. Vote was unanimous. No action was taken in Non Public Session.

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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1037 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

*Catherine M. Tokarz*

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*Preliminary Subject to Board Approval*