

**Gilford Fire-Rescue  
Board of Fire Engineers  
15 February 2011**

The Board of Fire Engineers met in regular session on Tuesday, 15 February 2011 at 39 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, New Hampshire.

Present: Chairman William Akerley, Engineer Philip Brouillard, Chief John Beland, Deputy Stephen Carrier, Lt. Nick Mercuri, Inspector Dana Pendergast, FF. Scott Mooney, FF. Jeffrey Madon and Executive Secretary Catherine M. Tokarz.

Excused/Absent: Engineer Don Spear

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0825 hours.

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

II. Adoption of Minutes: Engineer Brouillard moved to approve the minutes of 18 January 2011 meeting. Chairman Akerley made the second. Vote was unanimous.

III. Budget Review:

A. 2011 Budget Review: Approximately 9% of the budget has been expended.

B. Deliberative Session: The warrant article for Capital Reserve – Water Supply was presented at the Deliberative Session. Enough funds to maintain the Water Supply Account at \$30K will be requested each year. Voters did amend the budget \$750 for continuance of the Gilford Community Band.

C. March 8th Voting: Voting on the Town budget will be held at the High School on March 8th.

IV. Activity Review: Chief Beland distributed the year-to-date Activity Report. Calls for incidents are on the rise.

V. Apparatus and Equipment:

A. Truck Committee: FF. Madon reviewed the progress of the Truck Committee assembled to research the purchase of a replacement for Engine 4. Staff surveys have been returned. Several apparatus and equipment vendors have been interviewed. Sub committees will be

assigned to develop site specific options as compartment placement, etc. Truck specs are due by the end of August 2011. Discussion ensued on the sale of other apparatus to reduce the amount requested for the Engine replacement.

B. Utility 1: A Heavy Duty Battery Brain™ device will be installed on the battery of the Utility to determine the state of charge of the battery as a function of the rate of discharge. When the charge falls below preset values, the device activates a switch which disconnects the battery from the vehicle wiring in order to save sufficient energy for engine ignition. Cost will not exceed \$100.

C. Tanker 1: New front tires were installed now rather than waiting until fall.

#### VI. Training:

A. Fire Training Facility: Work will continue at the FTF as weather permits. Open House is planned for the early part of summer.

B. Training Update: Outside training includes courses from Fire Instructors and Officer's of NH, Tilton/Northfield FD and "Got Big Water". Deputy Carrier praised FF. Madon, FF. Brian Blanchette and Call Firefighter Brian Akerley for their work on producing Ice Rescue Training last month. Shift and Call Company training continues.

FF. Madon will attend Fire House World training in San Diego.

Conference fees are paid by the department, however travel and lodging expenses are paid for by FF. Madon. This is an opportunity to network with apparatus and equipment representatives.

Executive Secretary Tokarz will attend the Region 2 Child Passenger Safety Conference in Lake Placid. The conference fee was paid by New Hampshire Injury Prevention Center/CHAD. Car seat funding options was discussed. A breakdown of car seat installations for 2010 per communities will be provided at the March meeting.

#### VII. Fire Prevention:

Hannaford's will break ground in the spring.

The restaurant at One Gilford Place has opened under new management.

A new unit at 369 Hounsell Ave/Lakes Region Business Park is being readied for occupancy.

#### VIII. Other Business:

A. Call Activity Reports: Chief Beland distributed incident statistics from

January 1 to date.

B. Call Company Reports: Chief Beland distributed a chart of Call Company Activity Responses. Several members have failed to meet the minimum requirements for a variety of reasons. Deputy Carrier will contact those who are near to reaching probation status. At least two applications are on hold pending openings.

C. GFD Domestic Water System Upgrade: The Town Engineer, Building & Grounds, the Public Works Director along with Gilford Well has worked to upgrade the water system at the Fire Station. A series of events lead to water that is foul smelling and has scaling. The filtration system had been unplugged and the medium within the filtration had not been changed. A 300 gallon water tank with an agitator will be installed. This will exhaust the odor along with forcing the iron to the bottom of the system where it will be discharged. The Town Engineer and Gilford Well feel confident that these measures will enhance the water quality. Cost of this project will be approximately \$2900.

D. Broken Fire Hydrants-Gunstock & Foxborough Dr.: The hydrant at Foxborough will be repaired in the spring for an estimated \$500. One of the Gunstock Area hydrants was damaged by a backing vehicle. There are other hydrants at Gunstock that are in service if needed before repairs are made.

E. Snow & Ice on roofs, leaks: We have had significant ice/snow building up on the roof of the Station. Dee Chitty of Buildings & Grounds is well aware of this problem and has continued to work on removing it. The Capital Reserve request for a new roof was eliminated in the 2011 budget. A letter was addressed to all 'big box stores' within the Town encouraging them to clear the ice/snow from their roofs. There have not been any calls of this nature so far.

F. Association Meeting Pot Luck Dinner March 2nd 6pm: The Annual State of the Department address will be held March 2nd at 6:00 PM following a pot luck dinner. All are invited to attend and address the department.

G. Other:

Chief Beland distributed copies of the annual supplemental report. This is posted on the Town's web site. Copies were provided to the Board of Selectmen at their last meeting and they complemented the Chief on the report content.

There was concern with cars blocking the water supply at Misty Harbor and Ames Farm Inn this weekend during the Fishing Derby. Chief Beland and other staff monitored Misty Harbor throughout the weekend

and were successful in having owners move their vehicles clearing access to the hydrants. Chief Beland will meet with both venues next year to address this issue prior to the event.

Chief Beland requested that Fire Inspector Pendergast and Executive Secretary Tokarz submit all appliance permits for inclusion on the Town's web site.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 0937 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

*Catherine M. Tokarz*

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