

**Gilford Fire-Rescue
Board of Fire Engineers
21 June 2011**

The Board of Fire Engineers met in regular session on Tuesday, 21 June 2011 at 39 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, New Hampshire.

Present: Chairman William Akerley, Engineer Philip Brouillard, Engineer Don Spear, Chief John Beland, Deputy Stephen Carrier, Inspector Dana Pendergast and Executive Secretary Catherine M. Tokarz.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 0819 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 May 2011 meeting. Chairman Akerley made the second. Engineer Brouillard did not vote on the adoption of the minutes as he was absent from the May meeting. Vote was affirmative.

III. Budget Review: The budget is 40% expended. An Account Adjustment will be completed after a detail summary identifying two posting errors is made available.

IV. Activity Review: Chief Beland distributed the year-to-date Activity Report. Several department members participated with State and Local Police last week on the search for a missing Gilford resident. NH Fish & Game have taken over the search utilizing the Northeast Canine Search Team. As yet, there are no leads to his whereabouts. Motorcycle Week was mild with no major incidents. Members of the Call Company were employed to work extra coverage. Their time here was well spent combining training with incidents.

V. Apparatus & Equipment:

A. Truck Committee: Request For Proposals were e-mailed to eight vendors with a deadline for mid July to return bids for the new engine. A Lease/Purchase option will be researched.

B. New Expedition: Engineer Spear moved to employ Irwin Motors to paint the bottom half of this vehicle red for a price of \$1500. Engineer Brouillard made the second. Vote was unanimous.

C. Engine 2: Bayview Auto repaired the corrosion on Engine 2 however the paint does not match the original finish. They are willing to spray paint the door so that there isn't such a significant difference.

D. Zoll Defib: The Selectmen approved the purchase of the defib. Delivery is expected by the end of June.

E. 8B1: Chief Beland complemented Terry Clairmont of Public Works and Dave Ewing of Dave's Motorboat Shoppe for their collaborative effort on repairing the fire pump on "Snuffer".

VI. Training:

Fire Training Facility

Update: Deputy Carrier reported that thanks to Inspector Pendergast and FF. Proulx, the FTF is progressing well. Kenny Duval offered to paint the exterior of the FTF barn red with paint provided by the FD. Engineer Spear offered to donate a door and Chairman Akerley will donate locks. Landscaping companies have been contacted to provide quotes for ground work including weed control (spraying weeds, landscape mats) and laying a stone base. Chief Beland is meeting with Public Works Director Sheldon Morgan this afternoon to discuss these issues and the Open House event.

Open House July 9, 2011: Deputy Carrier will e-mail the invitation flyer. The event will begin with a welcome/reception at 10:00 AM followed by tours of the FTF, a barbecue at noon followed by live fire demonstrations. Chairman Akerley will share his remarks on this occasion.

Training Update: Those staff members with expertise in their fields of interest have been conducting Wednesday evening trainings with Paramedic Rae Mello-Andrews providing medical training.

VII. Fire Prevention:

Inspector Pendergast has been working with the site manager for the new Hannaford's. The project is progressing with no issues noted. Opechee Construction is preparing Unit #8 of Lakes Business Park for occupancy however they have

not identified the use.

In light of the meeting Chief Beland had with the owners of Patrick's Pub and the corrective actions they've taken to make their establishment a restaurant and not a night club, and although he would prefer to have the building sprinkled, he will not require them to install a sprinkler system. He is comfortable with this decision. The staff of Patrick's will

be trained in the proper use of fire extinguishers and crowd management. Engineer Brouillard applauded this decision since it is his belief that Patrick's is more of a restaurant than a night club. Chairman Akerley expressed his concern that the entry way into the restaurant be cleared of brochure racks, snow shovels, and salt receptacles for better egress.

VIII. Other Business:

Cat Path Road: The residents of Cat Path requested the Board of Selectmen post their road as a Dead End. The Board refused to do so, but voted to reduce the speed and weight limit and post a Local Residents Only sign. GPS directs traffic headed to I-93 and to Gunstock Recreation Area up Cat Path, therefore the State will post signs on the Intervale side of Cat Path directing them around to the appropriate roads.

IX. Non Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (a): Engineer Brouillard moved to enter into Non Public Session at 0926 hours. Engineer Spear made the second. Vote was unanimous. Also present was Inspector Pendergast. The Board exited Non Public Session at 1007 hours. No action was taken.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1007 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Catherine M. Tokarz
Executive Secretary