



MONTHLY TOWN FIRE MEETING

April 25, 2022



Minutes from February and March were read and approved.

Annual Mandatory Processes

- Hose and ladder testing will be Friday, 4/29 at 8:30 behind the Baldwin Community Center. Bruce, Tom and Keith for truck duty. Chad to assist with pump operations.
- Truck inspection and testing conducted by Lake Region Fire Apparatus (lakesfire.com). Tank 2 is out of service needs to be brought back to LRFA for tear down. Tank 1 passed but was marginal for pump performance. All other trucks are ok.
- There was a lot of discussion on lack of communication from selectmen/town office on budget and expenses. This has been an area of concern for a couple of years. It is expected that the fire department is responsible for managing expenses, providing adequate resources for fire protection and being good stewards of the facilities and equipment. This has been a challenge with not knowing the financial state of affairs. An effort is underway by the fire department to capture everything in Quicken to get a more accurate picture.
- Testing of air bottles and SCBA equipment is scheduled for June 20th at 9:00 am. Do not need hydro testing this year.

Equipment

- All radios have been tested.

Infrastructure Maintenance

- The ISO will meet with the chief and selectmen on May 9th. There will be a mock drill with Robinson Lumber Company. ISO will be measuring water flow, truck response and other metrics to assign rating for insurance purposes.
- Chief Crawford will hire out contractor to repair hose tower roof on station 3.
- Hydrants have been inspected. Some of the fittings that are attached using screws and bolts have cracked due to hammering of coupling when attaching suction hose.
- Selectmen are looking at a separate budget line for moving repeater down from tower.
- Reviewed the Fire Protection Study draft.

Record management

- N/A

Training

- The fire academy attended by Steve Sanders will be conducting propane training on May 9th. Owen and Tom will be taking one of the engines to the training.
- CMP will provide training for area firefighters on May 18th. Owen will coordinate participation.

- Truck training will be conducted May 21st, from 9:00 – 11:00 am, behind Baldwin Community Center.

Personnel

- During areas chiefs meeting, 3 individuals from Baldwin identified for Junior Firefighter. Owen to follow-up, provide orientation and training.

Special Events

- Memorial Day event at Brown Library. Town auxiliary is asking for help with parking attendance. Important to reserve handicap space out front.
- Owen and Tom will help with putting up flags at east end of town.

Operations (calls, SOPs, etc.)

- N/A

Motion to adjourn 20:16, Next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd, Location Baldwin Community Center at 18:30