

BALDWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT



SPECIAL EMERGENCY FIRE MEETING

March 30, 2023



Meeting called to order at 19:29, by Station 3 Captain Howard Burnell.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Crawford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Sanders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Stackhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve McKenney |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Stackhouse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Howard Burnell | <input type="checkbox"/> Chad Nason | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Caron |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Caron | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Franklin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Thorne | <input type="checkbox"/> Kyle Estes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Mazzillo | <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Flink | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Moody | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Willette |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Crawford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Harrington (member?) | | |

Guests: Selectmen Bob Flint, Jimmy Dolloff, Dwight Warren

Purpose: Inform members of fire chief resignation and develop interim plan until a new town fire chief and assistant fire chief can be appointed.

- Following Incident Command Structure for Chain of Command the line of succession authorizes the Station 3 Captain Howard Burnell to act as Interim Town Fire Chief.
- A vote was taken to elect Steve Thorne to act as Chair for this meeting.
- A motion was made to move the April 24th regular meeting to April 3rd at 7:00 PM at Station 1, in order to vote on a recommendation to the selectmen on a chief and asst. chief. Motion was voted on and accepted.
- Recommendation made by the training officer not to do the burn on Brown Mountain Road. The burn was not in compliance with NFPA 1403 governing live burn policy. This policy has been adopted by the state of Maine. A couple of specifics prohibiting controlled burn: there are contents in the building and the roof is shingled.
- Discussion on hose and ladder testing scheduled for April 7th. Not clear if plan was finalized with Fail Safe. Steve Thorne will investigate. We might not have enough help for truck movement and water resupply. Tabled decision on going ahead with testing to the April 3rd meeting.
- HSE is scheduled to do extrication equipment testing on April 1st. Tom Caron will be there to support the vendor.
- Some discussion on taking this as an opportunity to formalize the department structure, relationships to associations and clarify status of fire department assets. Town needs to vote on an ordinance to authorize the creation of a town fire department. Need clarity on status to fully utilize applications for grant money.
- Communication has been made to dispatch and surrounding towns as follows:

“The Baldwin Select Board wishes to officially communicate to neighboring fire departments of a recent change in the Town's Fire Department. Baldwin's Fire Chief has recently resigned. The Fire Department and the Select Board will be working toward appointing a new Fire Chief as soon as possible. Baldwin firefighters will continue to respond to fire calls when dispatched. We are reaching out to you, as when necessary, we rely on one another for mutual aid, and very much appreciate the support you provide us.”

- Those present acknowledged and showed appreciation for Chief Bruce Crawford for the hard work he has done the past several years.

Motion to adjourn 20:14

Next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd, 2023, Location Station 1 at 19:00.