



## MONTHLY TOWN FIRE MEETING

March 28, 2022



**Note:** Minutes for February were not available due to the absence of the clerk. Will be reviewed at the April 2022 meeting.

The following notes were captured by the Deputy Chief Owen Sprague. Thank you Owen for filling in.

1. Looking for a truck and another person to assist with a propane fire training for the fire academy Steve Sanders is currently in. The academy is looking for us to bring one truck and two people to the training. I would like to go, and if someone would like to accompany me let me know. This is a great training opportunity for everyone and a great way to support our own Steve Sanders!
2. On April 29th (Time TBD) We will be doing hose, ladder, and suction hose testing out back at the town office. Chief Crawford is in contact with the highway department to sweep off the tar so it won't be too dirty. We are looking for a few driver operators to assist that day and help move trucks around. If you are able to help, please contact myself or Car 1.
3. On May 20th we will be doing pump testing on all trucks. Like above, we are looking for people to move trucks around on that day as well. Let's plan on meeting the pump tester at 0800 hours at Station 3. We will come up with a plan, and go to the campground from there. I know the past couple years for pump testing we have pulled down below the hill and conducted testing there. We will NOT be doing that this year. We will setup further down the road at the end of the campground.
4. We set up a date and time to test and **DOCUMENT** all dry hydrants in town. This will take place 04-09-2022 at 0800 hours. Lets plan to meet at Station 1. Any and all help will be appreciated. Again, this is also something that needs to get done and is a great training opportunity. I will have this toned out as well. Please let me know if you are around and willing to help. We talked about taking a ride up to Steep Falls to go over how to dress a hydrant as well for those of you who are interested.
5. Input from the town had been completed for the Fire Protection Study. Neil will be sending it over to the town sometime around the first week of April. The copy he sends is a rough draft that the selectman will review and go over. Neil will then come out, and sit down with Chief Crawford, myself, and the Selectman. From this point forward everyone's input is **NEEDED AND VAUED**. This is the future of the Town Fire Department for many years to come. We are the fire department and need to lay the groundwork for the future. As a group we can work together to better the fire department in many different aspects in the future.

6. Street display of American Flags at each end of town. Trying to identify woman who took over Larry Lords property? I need to get in touch with her in reference to flags for West Baldwin. Alan will take care of North Baldwin, and we will need to order at least 5 new flags for East. These flags need to be put up by the end of May. If anyone has interest in helping me put those up when we get the new ones in and together let me know. We may need to do West as well pending the conversation that I have with the woman out of W. Baldwin.

7. Fryeburg Fire Department is hosting a Basic Pump Operator class April 23 and 24. These are full day classes both days. One classroom, one practical. **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE AND THE SPOTS ARE LIMITED. PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP IF YOU HAVE INTEREST IN ATTENDING SO WE CAN GET THE PAPERWORK FILLED OUT TO GET YOU ENROLLED!!!** Again, another great training opportunity.

8. As a department, internally we are looking to do more hands on training. Everyone comes from different backgrounds and has different skill sets. I am currently working with CMP to host an area wide CMP firefighter training. Everyone had awesome ideas at the last month meeting what they would like to see more of as well. Kyle, a lot were interested in a wildland / forestry training if this is something maybe you can think about and talk to me about we can get set up. There are all kinds other training options we can do. I recommend we do a monthly meeting, and also a monthly training night with different topics each month. Lets start with the basics, just get the trucks out, go through them, the equipment etc. This is also a great way to get the trucks cleaned up, and familiarize ourselves with where stuff is. Please let myself and Chief know what you would like to see more of for training.

9. I would like to setup a work detail to basically do some housekeeping of trucks and stations. I want to get the trucks cleaned up inside and out from winter time as well as the stations. I am happy to lead this task up and would like as much help as we can get. We should take pride in our stations and equipment. Lets take care of our stuff so in return it will take care of us. I will think about a date in the coming weeks and page it out.

10. Need to get some members on board for a new truck committee. If you have interest in serving on the new fire truck committee please let Chief Crawford know.

11. **MANDATORY TRAININGS.** If you have not completed your annual mandatory trainings please contact me ASAP. I'd like to plan either a morning or weeknight ASAP. Let me know what works best for you guys.

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST.....MYSELF AND BRUCE WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENTS AND EFFORTS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE RESPONDERS WE HAVE ON THIS DEPARTMENT! We all work together to get the job done.**

That's all I got for now. I will make sure to have all these dates and what not toned out, and paged on IAR when the time gets closer.

Thank you for everything you guys do.