



MONTHLY TOWN FIRE MEETING

May 24, 2021



Meeting called to order at 18:01 by Chief Bruce Crawford
April 2021 minutes were read and accepted.

Annual Mandatory Processes

- Pump testing on trucks scheduled for May 5, 2021. Need to make sure that extrication equipment is removed from trucks receiving servicing out of town.

Equipment

- Discussed extrication tool servicing.
- Engine 1 tank indicator not working.
- Discussion on defibrillators. Standish has offered to replace pads.
- Safety grant approved. See Attachment 1 “Press Release”

Infrastructure Maintenance

- Quaker Brook stand pipe is now open.
- Might be a problem with Markovich stand pipe. Chief to investigate.
- Radio repeater on channel 8 antenna needs repair. The repeater keeps getting stuck on. Discussion on moving the controller down to the station. Need research into a long term plan for the radio, tower and repeater. Assigned to Chief and Asst. Chief.
- Need cleanup behind Station 3.
- Need to take care of varmints up at Station 2.
- Plan to change out fixtures in station 2 to LED.
- Need to address water runoff at station 2.
- Need to move LP tanks at Station 1 due to snow and ice buildup.

Record management

- Need records from IPS on fit testing.
- Photo ids will probably be done sometime in June, after determining current members of Fire Department.
- Visual Post Drivers Vehicle Inspection report distributed to station captains.

Training

- Discussion on CPR and First Aide training. This was planned for last year, but canceled due to COVID. Need research into options. Assigned Asst. Chief.
- Discussed training topics:
 - Brush fire – Owen to check with Kyle
 - Accident response

- Review the trucks on what is on them
- Pumping and drafting
- Cascade system
- Foam usage
- Traffic Control Training

Personnel

- Received note from the family of Norman McKenney. It was thanking the participants in the memorial service.
- Station captains are authorized for expenses up to \$150. They must submit a purchase order using their radio number for identification. In an emergency (i.e. critical truck repair) the PO can be submitted post purchase.

Special Events

- N/A

Operations (calls, SOPs, etc.)

- Discussed large outside fire without permit.
- Limington forest fire. Used small forestry truck. Had to make a lot of trips. Probably better to use large truck when there isn't expected to be a large response.
- Garage fire in Standish just before Manchester Road.
- Tractor trailer off 113. Some problem with traffic management.

Motion to adjourn 19:45.

Next meeting June 28, 2021, Location Baldwin Community Center at 18:30.

Press Release
For Immediate Release

Officials for the **Town of Baldwin** are pleased to announce that they have been awarded a Safety Enhancement Grant by the Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund in the amount of **\$2,000**.

The Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grants and Scholarship Grants provide financial assistance to members of the MMA Workers Compensation Fund to purchase safety equipment or services to assist in reducing the frequency and severity of workplace injuries. The grant programs are designed to prevent injuries and improve workplace safety our Maine employees. The reduction in employee injuries also benefits the taxpayers by lessening lost hours at work, cost of claims and potential overtime expenses for employees who might have to fill in for injured co-workers.

The Maine Municipal Association has been awarding Safety Grants to members of the Workers' Compensation fund since 1999. The Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grants and Scholarships are an example of a successful partnership that has been preventing workplace injuries by bestowing more than ***\$5.4 million*** in the funding of ***4,165*** Safety Enhancement Grants and ***493*** Scholarship Grants. Together we are building safe communities.

For more information about Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Service programs, including Safety Enhancement Grant eligibility and applications, please visit