



BALDWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY MEETING

April 24, 2023



Meeting called to order at 19:29, by Chief Steve Sanders.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Crawford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Sanders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Stackhouse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve McKenney |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Stackhouse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Howard Burnell | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Willette |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Crawford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Guptill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Harrington | |

Guests: Eric Fields, former deputy chief for Bridgton, Anita Fields EMS/Fire services, Ben McKenney

A video was shown at the beginning of the meeting “Pride and Ownership Keynote Address FDIC Feb 2001”.

Minutes of Special Meeting of April 3, 2023 were read. Correction was made on station 2 captain. Motion made to approve as corrected. Motion passed.

Old Business

- **Info:** Recommended slate of officers submitted to the selectmen have been appointed to their recommended positions.
- **Info:** Hose testing was conducted successfully on April 7th with Fail Safe. However, not all of our hoses were tested. We need to schedule testing to conduct ourselves on the remainder.
- **Info:** Replatforming of radio repeater on tower still in progress.
- **Info:** Work (hydrant survey, record management, training, etc.) to support rating of fire protection for the town at ISO 7 still in progress. ISO rating affects the premiums homeowners pay for insurance.
- **Info:** Pump testing still tentatively scheduled for May 12th.

New Business

- **Info:** A proposed Baldwin Fire Department ordinance has been drafted by drawing on examples from Bath, Limerick and Waterboro. This is a work in progress that will require several steps of review and a final vote of the town.
- **Info:** A new budget proposal for next year is in progress. It includes a significant increase since the last adjustment was in 2014.
- **Info:** Work is underway to install flat screen TVs in station 1 and 3. These will be used to display current incident from “iamresponding” with location, so that equipment operators will know where to go as they leave the station.
- **Info:** Chief Sanders has met with the chiefs of Hiram, Sebago and Standish regarding Mutual Aid arrangements.

- **Info:** Chief Sanders mentioned there is a more basic course through BLS for a firefighter to qualify for entering a building, that doesn't require academy commitment, maybe an evening a week. This might help us in building up our personnel for incident response.
- **SOP:** For structure fires, equipment and vehicle fires, the fire officer in command will complete a 2-sheet carbon Incident Report to leave with the owner stating to keep affected equipment out of service until repaired and inspected (i.e. chimney fire).
- **SOP:** Check sheets have been revised for truck inspection after a call and returned to station.
- **SOP:** Don't leave "dead man" fire trucks on outside of scene. Immediately move right into traffic control (East Baldwin frequency) if there is already command at the scene.
- **DISCUSSION:** Evaluating moving Engine 5 to station 1 and Engine 1 to station 2. Extrication equipment will be transferred from Engine 1 to Engine 5. Engine 5 can respond faster to accidents along the route 113 corridor.
- **INFO:** Al Clark is requesting a building burn. He has been made aware of the legal burn requirements. He is offering the building for training for 2 months prior to the actual burn.
- **DISCUSSION:** Evaluating extending the tank on Forestry 1.
- **TRAINING:** Chief Sanders is looking into providing annual mandatory training online. This will help all personnel get their training more easily and quickly.
- **TRAINING:** Training for May will have a focus on forestry response and ladder training. Dates have not been set yet.
- **TRAINING:** Makeup dates for annual mandatory training are set for April 29th at 8:00 AM and May 2nd at 6:00 PM at the Town Center.
- **INFO:** Eric and Anita Fields will meet with officers after tonight's meeting for planning future training.
- **INFO:** Team building exercise. Each member asked to share why they are on the fire department.
- **INFO:** West Baldwin Volunteer Fire Association has offered members of the Baldwin Fire Service to join the association. They meet the second Monday of the month at station 3. There followed a discussion on the state of all three fire associations.
- **DISCUSSION:** There are legal steps that are required to implement the proposed fire department ordinance; specifically, as it pertains to municipal ownership of fire department assets.
- **INFO:** Call box addressing is being revised by Captain Steve Thorne. Members are asked to use common sense on what equipment should be responding to a call in the meantime.

Motion to adjourn 20:16.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2023, 19:00 at Baldwin Community Center.