

Firewards 8/28/25

Present: Josh Trow, Matt Gross, Chief Tillson

Public: Tim White, Steve Marshall

Open 6:31pm

School

Talked with new head maintenance person, principals, last week

Did a walkthrough last Thursday, looks great

Fire drill inspection list received

Repeater/Radios

Mt Sunapee is live, transitioned this week

Picks best tower from the options available (Sunapee vs Kearsarge)

Sunapee is now dispatched off the main frequency

"Our" frequency is now "Sunapee Ground"

Perkins Pond very scratchy

Particular spot in GM is bad reception

Goshen side of town is now great, used to be a dead zone

Harbor Hill equipment has arrived, waiting on install date/techs

Ask NL - can we add our repeater to their Simulcast?

Steve has been looking at grants for radios

we have many 20+ years old, could seriously help in replacement

lets try to not just trash the old ones if possible!

Sunapee Cove

Talked to residents - many concerned after MA fire

Met with staff today - new head of maintenance, new director

Will work with them on updating policies

They are full on capacity

Currently they have ~2 staff on at night, is the understanding

Could be a problem if something happens, but good that we aren't
always responding

Have a couple hospice patients

Inspection went well - sprinklers, good extinguishers, all good

Selectmen's meeting

Asked to put together something for Aug 13th - fees, etc in relation to warrant

No charge for town details, but for private stuff rates proposed

Oil installation - state of NH requires permit

Newbury - \$100, others, +/- from there

Since it's new, we are starting with \$25

Tent inspections - we are supposed to be doing them, commercial ONLY

Anything over 400 sq ft, must be inspected

If over 50 people, needs place of assembly permit (CANNOT charge for)

HVAC

Could not find paperwork for the HVAC for this building, for buildings and grounds

Got quote for filter set for 1 unit - \$550

We have 6 units, highway has more, police has additional as well

Maybe have Craig do a bulk review/purchase for all town deployments

Personnel

2 new applicants - waiting to receive papers for 2nd person, have 1st will setup interviews once received

Goals for Department

Will be presenting to the department first
started with mission statement, rearranged it a bit
"vision statement" reframing, adding core values

Car

Would like to replace it with something more differently-usable

Looking at utility body vehicle, like New London or Newport

Between 50 and 80k is the current estimate, including boxes

State fire regs are looking for split storage vs people spaces for cancer prevention

What about the idea of replacing with/adding ambulance?

Cost! Staffing!

Ambulance team wants us to take basic calls, but many department folks hand-off once they arrive

Will discuss at next meeting

2025 Budget

On track this year, looking OK

2026 Budget

EMS supplies way over-cost, but there was only \$100 in there for some reason

Looking at gear, monitor, other perhaps grant-able things? Likely require partial match

Ted asked dept for input on "wishlist" items, to discuss/rank/etc

Planning to do continued vehicle inspections

Recent Calls

Nothing to discuss

Non-Public (by Chief request)

Hiring (91:A-3:2-b)

Josh/Jake

Roll unanimous

Deputy chief role - who to fill/promote/cascade?

Exited 8:40pm

No sealing

Next meeting September 18th

Adjourned 8:41pm