

Firewards 10/23/25

Present: Josh Trow, Matt Gross, Jake Paris, Chief Tillson

Public: Tim White, Shannon Martinez, Neill Cobb, Matt Pollari

Open 6:31pm

Harbor Oil Spill

Reappeared today, not sure where from

Police will help with drone again tomorrow, keep looking

Booms are in overnight, will try to shrink the area if possible if it continues

LSPA might be able to get a water sample tested to know what the substance is

Budget/Warrant

Are we looking to be on the 3rd November Selectmen?

Yes

We have first run of budget sketched out for 2026

Every team should be "ready to be unsatisfied"

8670 hours for per-diem - probably should expect to go half

Chief is 61k currently - if we push for full-time, warrant would be ~35k to cover "extras" of a full-timer, assumption of no "wage change"

We should have the chiefs talk, to get a narrative ready of "shared public safety vision", etc since there will likely be an article for a new officer, and a full-time chief

They will chat first, see what can be shared

General bolstering of public safety, what we can do

Josh - now vs later, doesn't really matter - if we are acting as a town department, then be one and remove the wards as an official layer

Matt - certainly if a full-time conversion happens, but now vs then not important

Jake - seems like a natural time to do it, if we are moving full-time there are certainly reasons not to (personnel changed, etc) but it's feasible

There could be many articles, could we get a full plan and then use that as exit

Could it be a contingent? Maybe

Calls

Nothing to bring up

Personnel

3 outstanding applications - 2 need to chat with, 1 needs interview

26 current roster

Vehicles

truck is "done", 15 fixes found on inspection

Chief Tillson few out Sunday, spend Monday looking at new truck
might be in NH next week, goes to lakes region for outfitting
everything is inspected, general maintenance done

rescue got some minor fixes

car is very tender, but passed - hopefully 2 more years

temporary hold on replacement ideas

boat likely staying in, based on recent issues, move to town docks

Got the dock extension, association has ordered

Will be in place next year

will be postponing the service, which was planned for Tuesday

Repeater/Radios

all radios have been changed over

tower/shed removal planned for next weekend, but certainly before next
weekend

Send thank-you to Mr Bell for his graciousness of letting us stay there

Overall, last couple days folks have done a great job on the harbor issue.

One member is stepping down, unable to make calls.

Next meeting November 20th, Selectmen Nov 3rd

Adjourned 7:22pm