

# DAYTON – LYMAN FIRE DEPT. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes for Meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Meeting was called to order @ 18:45 hrs at the Goodwins Mills Fire Station Meeting Room

Present:

Town of Dayton

Woody Brown, Paul Porier, John Gay, James Roberts, James Trask

Town of Lyman

Norm Hutchins, George Sutton [Stewart absent]

Fire-Rescue

H. Rodney Carpenter, Michael Lord, Chad Johnston

Minutes were read and accepted

Selectman Hutchins spoke about the research that he had gotten after speaking with Maine Municipal about State Retirement. It was agreed that we should have both town lawyers attend a meeting so that most of our questions can be answered. Chairman Sutton suggested to the group that we get our State Representative to attend a meeting with the suggestion of us being somewhat of the guinea pig for the state in the creation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Municipal Fire District. It was thought that we could then get them to possibly write legislation change, to include State Retirement as an option for Municipal Fire Districts.

Doug Patey, the Deputy Fire Chief from Falmouth Fire-EMS attended as a guest speaker and spoke about how Falmouth has made transitions to deal with the service demands of today while keeping somewhat in budget. He explained that Falmouth has about 11,000 people, about 1600 emergency runs a year, 66% being EMS calls and they run on about a 1.2 million dollar annual budget. This does not include capital items, such as facility or apparatus replacements or dispatch. They have made an attempt to have the 3 full time employees of the FD take care of the day to day business, thus allowing the volunteer Fire-EMS personnel to focus on running calls. He handed out a pay scale that showed what each volunteer was paid per hour for responding to emergencies, which was approx. \$10-20 per hour, depending upon level of certification and time on the Department. He also, stated that their success is based much upon the rigid structure that they have at the same time as acknowledging members performance. They have fully integrated the Fire-EMS functions which has been a success. Falmouth also requires each volunteer to give at least 24 hours per month, this would include trainings or responding to calls, which they are paid an hourly wage for. We thanked Doug for his time, and asked if Doug would be willing to look at this Fire District concept and give us his thoughts. Doug agreed and will get back to us with his input.

The next meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 18:30 at the Dayton Town Hall

Meeting adjourned 20:15 hrs.