

Goodwin's Mills Fire-Rescue

Monthly Business Meeting Minutes



Date:	05/05/09	Time:	19:05 – 21:05
Members Present:	22		
Meeting called to order by:	President Normand Bilodeau	Meeting notes submitted by:	Secretary Nicole Steiner

The President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous monthly meeting as posted.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report as posted.

Committees

Trustees: Jeff Perry

Efficiency Maine audit has returned; recommendations include: change light fixtures and thermostats, fans for the bay, external thermostat for boiler; copies are available

50/50

\$510.62

'53 Chevy: Lee Littlefield

Parade season is coming; brief meeting after business meeting, any new members are welcome to attend.

\$3,531.65

Hydrant: Deputy Chief Lord

Dunkin Donuts hydrant has been repaired. Will be tested soon.

Hydrant at Clarks Mills has been damaged; preparations being made to to repair and relocate

Budget: Deputy Chief Lord

Budget increase was 4.88%; additional item approved for \$3,500, to cover extended WC insurance from MMA (detail work, etc.)

Financial reports to the towns by the end of the week.

Separate article to release \$8,000 from the truck fund to cover ladder

Bylaws: Ray Bilodeau

Nothing to report

Benevolence: Guy Labbe

Nothing to report

CIC: Ben Harris

All applications have been followed up on but no response.

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810: Ben Harris	
	Application for raffle has been worked on; selectman have approved; they hope to have everything taken care of for Memorial Day.
Squad: Guy Labbe	
	Brief meeting after business meeting to finalize remaining items
Building: Captain Lang	
	This year is the last payment on the existing building; grant process is coming up May 20 – Federal Grant for Fire Stations; motion made and seconded to move into contract for Southern Maine Regional Planning commission for a grant writer, money to come from 810 – grant writer position
Nomination:	
	Nothing to report
Training: Lieutenant Carpenter	
	Image Trend training scheduled for this month
	Thanks for everyone's help for hose testing
	May 31 – ladder qualifications – sign up sheet has been posted.
	Waterboro EMS training next Tuesday
	Upcoming Water Rescue Technician Course – information will be posted
	Pipeline training – Portland – 6/11 – information will be posted
	PEP training – June – information is posted
Unfinished Business:	
	Norm Bilodeau – Public Information Officer - Requesting any information on training for the last 3 months to be submitted to him for the newspaper.
	Deputy Chief Lord – It is time to start decorating past firefighter graves. Need others to help for other cemetery. A list is available in the computer; will be printed and posted. Flags are for Charter Members, Honorary Members and any requested by family members.
	Request to pursue costs for plastic flag holders. Rod Hooper volunteered to provide a list for next meeting.
	Grounds around the station needs to be cleaned up. Workday will be scheduled for Saturday 5/16/09 at 8:30am.

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New Business:	
	Norm Bilodeau: Lyman Elementary 4 th grade is doing a walk this Friday. Looking for a crew to provide a vehicle escort. Steve Dupras will send out a page.
	Capt Rob Lang: Time to plan to place the flags around the village. We have received some donations from local towns. Going to the Dayton and Lyman selectmen to see if they have any funds available. Looking for suggestions for ways to obtain donations. Also looking for someone to chair the committee to put the flags in place and head up obtaining donations. We currently have 16 flags available. Phil Daniels volunteered to help.
	Capt Steve Dupras: On 5/30 there will be a blood drive at the Town of Dayton; looking for volunteers to assist; looking for someone to head up the Smoke Trailer
	Capt Rob Lang: There is someone going around town inspecting fire doors and appearing to represent fire departments or the fire marshal's office. Not necessarily a 'scam' but it is not necessary. Any reports or questions regarding this, please direct inquiry to Rob Lang.
Deputy Chief Lord:	
	Check mailboxes for ME State Federation of Firefighters forms; all new members need to fill one out.
	Some gear inspection forms have not been submitted.
	Equipment needs to be cleaned up and waxed for memorial day. Lieutenants will be contacting their crews to schedule time for this.
	Equipment placement in the bay will be changed around.
	Small EMA pump is out of service. Looking into replacement/repair at this time.
Deputy Chief Gagnon:	
	Jill Tibbets is on LOA until further notice.
	May 12 is the Round Table for On-Call schedule. Anyone who cannot attend, please submit any thoughts or comments.
	Training checks. There have been questions/comments that the amounts may be wrong. Any questions, please submit a request that can be researched.
	York County Chiefs is looking for people to get on-board for training. Several members are retiring and more help and support is needed. Looking for ideas/suggestions for the school. Any help would be appreciated.

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Chief Carpenter:	
	Letter of Resignation from Thom Hooper was read. Retirement effective 4/30/09.
	Nomination of Honorary Membership for Thom Hooper was received and read by President Bilodeau; submitted by Capt. Steve Dupras and Firefighter Rod Hooper. Motion passed by vote of membership. Motion made and seconded to give Rod Hooper authority to obtain a plaque for Honorary Membership for Capt. Thom Hooper.
	Process has been started for the Fire Act Grant, about 50% done. Grant will be to update all breathing apparatus to 4.5 (air packs, regulators and supporting equipment). Looking into other grants for building and staffing.
	Phones in both Rescues will be turned off May 15 as Unicef has been bought out by Verizon. Working to get replacements for the rescues – were provided with flip phones which are not acceptable.
	Dispatch: We will be going to use Biddeford on June 15 for all PSAP and Dispatch. All 911 calls will be routed to Biddeford instead of State Police. There will not be a separate tone for RIT; Biddeford, Saco and Goodwin's Mills will be toned at one time. Chad will continue to be the contact person for dispatch. Steve Dupras is assisting with computer setup for water supply, structure type, etc.
	Meetings with Towns for Fire Districts/Municipalities: Attorneys didn't want to go along with the Fire District proposal; looking into a municipal contract with Lyman and adding Dayton under contract along with other towns; discussion regarding the options available; motion made and seconded for the chief to encourage the committee to continue their research to figure out what is in the best interest of GMFD and to provide an informational meeting to the membership at a future date; the motion passed by vote.
	Any information for the town report, please provide to the chief by the end of the week.
	Training Officer position will be posted; a letter of interest with a plan of action along with the application for the position.
Green Sheets:	
	none
Correspondence:	
	Donation/card from Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution.
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	Norm Bilodeau: Thanks to those who assisted at the BP clinic at the Food Pantry open house.
	Stacey Taylor: Apparatus was taken to the Cub Scout, Boy Scouts, Webelos Pack meeting. Photos will be posted on the Intranet.
	Steve Dupras: Demonstration of the "Catch All", purchased with funds donated from EMT Carol Dunham.
	Chief Carpenter: Presentation to Roger Hooper, Selectment's award for 1,000 hours of training.