

# Waterford Fire Department

Business Meeting Minutes

02.07.23

## Attendance:

Will Rivers, Betty Ann Ryan, Roy Ash, Taran Gillander, Jeff Gingue, Ryan Aremburg, Kevin Gillander, Kevin Colby, Barbara Whipple, Colleen Cook Kozlowski, Ashton Fischer, Jim Spaulding, Scott Gingue, Conner Turner, Jacob Fucci, Adam Aremburg, Colin Fucci, Jeanne Kroeger, and Eric Bunnell

Public Comment: None

January 2023 WFD minutes: Kevin Gillander made a motion to approve last month's minutes and Jim Spaulding seconded this move.

WFD members unanimously approved January 2023 minutes.

Treasurer's report: Our account began the year with \$60,225.00. Within the month \$4,789.78 has been spent on insurance, rescue truck repair, equipment, hydrant maintenance, electric bill, internet bill, and telephone bill bringing our account to \$55,435.22. Our Long Range account has \$102,016.

## New members:

Kevin Mitchell has shown interest in joining our force and met with Will Rivers and Colin Fucci. Kevin is both an EMT and Firefighter. Colin Fucci made a motion to make Kevin a one-year probationary member and Kevin Gillander seconded this move. WFD voted and unanimously approved Kevin's membership. Welcome, Kevin!

EMS training: No report.

## Fire training:

02.21.23 at 18:30, VT Fish & Game wildland safety training with Concord Fire and St. Johnsbury Fire joining us.

## Fundraising:

Pancake breakfast

Sunday 02.26.23 9-12:00. Help is needed from all. Please spread the word to family and friends.

## Hydrants:

Out of service on High Ridge.

**Building:**

The station had no water on Sunday morning. Thank you, Ashton, for fixing the battery on the generator. Security Cameras are up and running. Compressor has been picked up and placed in the station. The compressor still needs to be wired. Alpha Co. will do the cleaning of the station this month.

**General:** No report

**Truck maintenance:** A hub cab is dented on the Rescue truck.

**Critique:** WFD had a total of 20 calls last month!

01/09/2023	Duck Pond RD	Road freight or transport vehicle fire	036993 - Area 3
01/10/2023	286 Woodland RD	EMS call	036993 - Area 3
01/10/2023	MM4.6 I-93 HWY N	EMS call	036993 - Area 3
01/11/2023	2669 Old County RD S	EMS call	036993 - Area 3
01/12/2023	286 Woodland RD	EMS call	036993 - Area 3
01/13/2023	MM 6.8 I93 N	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	036993 - Area 3
01/14/2023	MM 3.0 I-93 HWY S	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	036993 - Area 3
01/14/2023	MM 2.8 I-93 HWY N	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	036993 - Area 3
01/14/2023	MM 6.4 I-93 HWY S	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	036993 - Area 3
01/14/2023	MM 3.4 I-93 HWY N	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	036993 - Area 3
01/15/2023	Hillside LN	EMS call	036993 - Area 3
01/16/2023	286 Woodland RD	EMS call	036993 - Area 3
01/18/2023	MM 127.8 I-91 HWY N	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	036993 - Area 3
01/19/2023	1285 Lawrence RD	EMS call	036993 - Area 3
01/20/2023	1390 Higgins Hill	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	036993 - Area 3
01/21/2023	932 VT Route 5	Steam mistaken for Smoke	036993 - Area 1
01/22/2023	62 Birchwood Heights LN	EMS call	05156 - Concord

01/23/2023	976 Lower Waterford RD	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	036993 - Area 3
01/25/2023	VT Rte 18 HWY	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	036993 - Area 3
01/26/2023	517 West Main ST	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	05156 - Concord

***If a roof ladder starts to move on you, take it completely down and reposition it.***

Chief Notes:

2023 Appointments for Waterford Fire Department  
2023 Fire Ground Officers

K1: Chief Colin Fucci	K2: Assistant Chief Will Rivers
K3: Captain Jeff Gingue	K4: Captain Jim Spaulding
K5: Lieutenant Taran Gillander	K6: Lieutenant Ryan Aremburg

President: Kevin Colby

Treasurer: Will Rivers

Secretary: Colleen Cook Kozlowski

Fire Warden: Kevin Colby

Asst. Fire Warden: Jeff Gingue

EMS District 5 Representative: Ryan Aremburg

Grievance Committee: Will Rivers, Jim Spaulding, Selectboard chair

Budget Committee: Colin Fucci, Will Rivers, Jeff Gingue, Kevin Gillander

General Committee: Will Rivers

Training Officer: Ryan Aremburg

Training Committee: Colin Fucci, Will Rivers, Jeff Gingue

Accountability Coordinator: Scott Gingue, Ryan Aremburg

Safety Officer: Jim Spaulding

Occupational Safety Officer & Health Coordinator: Jim Spaulding-Officer, Adam Aremburg-Supporting

Fund Raising Committee: Betty Ryan, Barb Whipple,

Station Maintenance & Supply Coordinators: Howard Jones, Kevin Colby, Jacob Fucci

Apparatus Scheduling for Annual Maintenance: Roy Ash

Small engine and power tools: Ashton Fisher, Connor Turner

Turnout gear inventory and condition: McKenna Beben

SOG reviewed concerning accountability tag usage for response to a call. Handout given to each present member and Chief Fucci explained verbally.

## Your safety is the number one priority!!

Our Recognition Dinner will take place at the Elks Club in St. Johnsbury at 6:00 pm on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Barrett Ins. and Appalachian Benefits Group (Colin's company) have donated to lower the cost for each member. Will Rivers made a motion to take money from the Long Range account and Roy Ash seconded this move. The idea was unanimously approved.

Please let Jeff Gingue know if you plan to attend this event.

By-Laws to be updated. Ryan Aremburg read the proposed changes. A copy will be sent to each member via I Am Responding.

SOGs binders to be signed off.

### Grant updates:

(1) Radio grant applied for (12)

(2) Assistance to Firefighter Grant eighteen air packs, bottles, and masks along with 1 RIT kit, eight sets of turnout gear and new helmets department wide.

(3) Homeland Security Grant twenty-five pagers to be applied for by end of February 2023.

The Assistance to Firefighter Grant is about \$200,000.00 of grant money if awarded. WFD is required to pay 5% of the award, or approx. \$10,000.00, out of the Long-Range account. A motion made by Roy Ash and seconded by Barb Whipple. The motion earned unanimous approval by verbal vote.

Unfinished business. No report.

### New Business:

Adam Aremburg made a motion to spend up to \$2,000.00 on new helmets for Officers and Kevin Gillander seconded this proposal. WFD gave its unanimous approval.

### Where is that?

Smith Rd, Tower Rd., Birch Tree Rd., Chamberlain Rd.

Barb Whipple made a motion to end the February 2023 meeting at 20:11 hr and Betty Ann Ryan seconded this idea. WFD members unanimously agreed!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Cook Kozlowski

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