

West Dover Fire Department  
Officer's Meeting  
February 11, 2013

Officers Present: Rich Werner, Gary Carruthers, Mickey Kersten, John Snow, Mike Hescock

Also Present: Jeannette Eckert, recording secretary

Public: Logan Sherman, Randy Capitani, Linda Anelli, Edie Mas

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** July 27-28, 2013 in conjunction with Blueberry Festival

- Banners:
  - Proposed design submitted for approval by Linda Anelli (See attached at bottom)
  - 3-4 banners will be placed around Fire House
  - Approximate cost of \$82.00 per banner
  - Suggest dates, instead of "serving 50 Years"; "serving since 1963"
  - Perhaps raffle some off
- \$2000 was approved by the Select Board for beefing up the parade
- Timeline event & Craft Fair going on at the same time
- Bob Edwards is interviewing people for a video
  - CD's may be available for purchase
  - List of Chiefs is being organized
- Grace Cottage dunking booth can be used if we set it back up for them
  - should be looked at, takes 10 people to set it up—big and heavy
- Randy: write up in the paper; an insert in one week; printouts to hand out; program talking about the history of the Fire Dept.; blurbs in the paper leading up to the event....once a month
- Proposed events for the weekend:
  - games for after the parade--fish pond for the kids
  - EDFD cutting up a car with jaws
  - 50/50 raffle
  - ladder truck; "touch-a-truck"; different vehicles from different Fire Depts.
  - junior fireman's challenge
  - bouncy house
  - Friday night open house to dedicate the truck donated by Sweeney family
  - Sat night—dinner/dance & daycare for kids too
  - blessing of the fire trucks by Rev. Emily Heath on Sunday
  - helpers at parade; volunteers needed
  - send out invitations to other fire depts. mass mailing invitations on letter head
  - prizes, trophies
  - selling shirts and hats—another version for people to buy
  - after parade—hot dogs and hamburgers
- Linda Anelli: Blueberry Ball may be taking place either that weekend or following; working on packages with area Inns for the weekend; possible silent auction?
- Orange County chopper? Rich has tried to contact, no response
- Rich can get Randy some historical tidbits, has old pictures, ideally ones in uniform
- Randy: Events in the village only or also at Mount Snow?
  - Trucks don't like to park on dirt, rather Rich would prefer to keep it local where people can walk from activity to activity

- Possible fireworks donated from Mt Snow? Will check with Tim Dolan
- Forward info to Jim Dassatti—looking into bands and firming those up
- Association money—hats and shirts; putting money towards open house
- Gary: offset costs by selling t-shirts, hats etc.
- Rich: will ask Dave Moulton to see what they can put together
- Randy: flyer, brochure with some advertising space to offset costs—look back at EDFD stuff & dig out photos

**Landing Zones:** Issue with Deerfield Valley Rescue on the landing zones; when Mt Snow has a call from a doctor's office, Mt Snow would deal with it themselves and not involve the FD; DVR is ok with it; airport cannot be used in winter anymore as it is not plowed

Reviewed the listing:

Wakelee Rd (summer only)

Dover Elem. School

Dover common—possible changes due to beautification plans

Cooperhill Inn—(summer only)

W Dover Fire Dept.—north lot

Snow Lake pump house—bring in over lake and set down easily

Mount Snow airport (not plowed in winter)

Mount Snow parking lot— D lot

Lower Beaver parking lot—E lot

Mt Snow Summit—no vehicle access in winter

Mt Snow bottom northface—no vehicle access

Carinthia—gravel lot

Crossed off Haystack & Dorr Fitch Sewer treatment plant

Discussed other options such as end field at sewer plant, Andiron's upper lot or any lot that is plowed and if not busy

**Friction Loss Card:** discussed the need to set cards up for our trucks; must have the volume of the water on a big fire—automatic nozzles; need to maximize the flow; advance the lines; need to review information to be included on cards. Pressures created can sometimes overwhelm the ability of water to flow through a hose of a given diameter. As the velocity of water inside a hose increases, so does the friction loss. Ultimately, as the pressure created by a fire pump goes higher and higher the amount of water actually flowing through a hose to a given point lessens, threatening firefighting operations. Conversely, friction loss can restrict the distance which water can be lifted during fire department drafting operations.

**Butterfield Commons:** Edie Mas—lack of generator

- Concerned that senior housing/ handicap building has no back-up power
- Contacted the Police Dept.
- Edie went to Board meeting regarding emergency power supply—need a substantial resource for evacuations
- Believed there were some stipulations when she sold the land
- Voiced concerns to Connie Snow—Windham Housing Trust director; structure in place for a meeting with the condo rep, Connie, senior building staff, and Edie—majority vote for the land trust
- Believed there was something in the permits that required a generator. Answer was there are no generators in any of the buildings. What can Edie do to get this accomplished?

- WDFD has no teeth on this issue—little money; would love to see it done
- Edie does have control over the community building—is there a way to get emergency mgmt. money if designated as a shelter—it might make sense to plan this
- No legal grounds unless they come in to change their permits
- Possible Senior grants available?
- Rich drafted an email letter of support dated Dec 12, 2012—WDFD officers are in support
- Emergency operations plan with input from Fire Chiefs will be submitted to Select Board in March
- Will try to organize a meeting; inform Edie when the meeting is—will let us know how FD can be involved

### **Fire Calls for January:**

15 Fire Calls:

1/3—Mt Snow—assist with landing for DHART

1/5—Seasons Unit F—furnace malfunction

1/8—Mt Snow—assist with landing for DHART

1/10—Running Sap Lane—false alarm

1/12—Kingswood area—snowmobile fire

1/17—37 Maple Hill Rd and Timber Creek Condos—false alarms

1/26—Dover Town Office—car leaking gas; 27 Edwards Village Loop & 63 Stugger Rd—false alarms

1/27—Mutual Aid to Wardsboro station & Colonial Ridge Rd—structure fire

1/29—Mutual Aid to Wardsboro

1/30—Seasons Condos—false alarm & 12 Howard Lane—false CO alarm

### **Fire House Equipment:**

- Logan (EDFD) Gear quotes; Airpacks from Fema Fire Grant
- Need to do a spec sheet—money is in the budget for this year
- Shoulder case for radio—standard belt case PR 400
- Tanker Wed morning to NY---Gary
- Dump valve in the Tanker
- Voicemail on the phone system; doing away with portable phone
- Mapping program in computer
- Mutual Aid on radios: training
- Write down any issues with equipment and review next meeting
- Antenna on Stubbs Tower: not part of simulcast
- Rich---Buy two more carabiners

### **Training and Drills, Meetings:**

- Billy Shea--will contact via email to have him come to one of the officer's meetings
- ICS: review and discuss at next officer's meeting
- Mutual Aid call to Smith Rd—operator needs to stay with the truck unless asked not to by an officer
  - Fill trucks with firefighters before leaving the firehouse
- Standard Operating Guidelines
  - Rich handed out copies—review and discuss at next officer's meeting

### **Other Business: FYI**

- Payroll sheet submitted for January—pay date 2/20/13
- New firefighter is \$12.50; \$30 fire call; trainings: completed Firefighter one goes up to \$14.50; special training; \$20.00 --air packs and work on trucks

- Last year raised .50 cents an hour
- After discussing, decided to leave it alone this year; wait until next year and go over wages again
- Mark Linton took photos of truck; will have one framed for Fire House

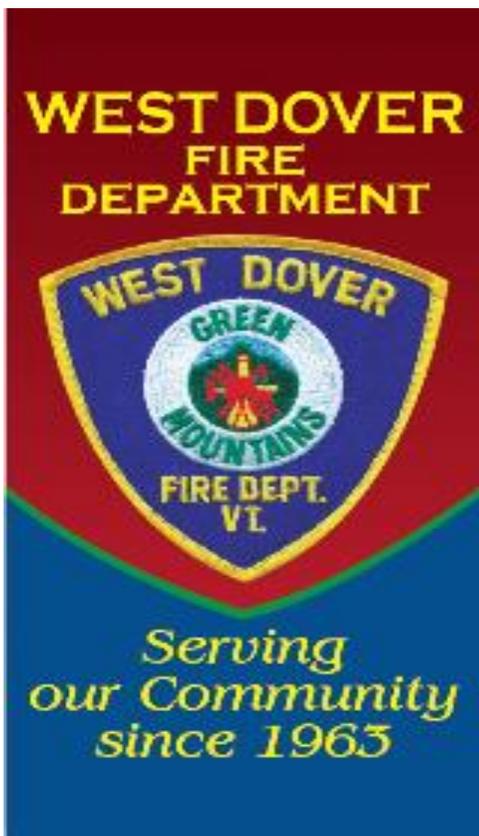
**Fire Alarms:**

- Changes to the alarm ordinance
- Fire alarm list of registered alarms in the Town of Dover. Sometime in April, after snow melts, will start updating the list.
- Look into false alarms

**Next meeting Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert



Proposed Anniversary Banner