

Emergency Management Study Group

Minutes for the July 23 meeting

Members in attendance:

Anne Cartwright
Bonnie Chase
Carol Reller
Priscilla Sawa
Matt Saxton
Bobbie Wilson

Also present:

Matt Goodell (Village Station captain)

Topics discussed:

- The Police Chief Search committee (Chris Reitmann, Matt Saxton, Randy Rhoades, Bob Bromley, Ed Reller, Marcello D'Alessandro) is sending out a packet with an application and job description to four candidates. Marcello will ask the Commander of Troop C to join the committee and help conduct the interviews.
- Carol updated the committee with our impressions from the meeting with the FD.
 - The FD has 17 active fire-fighters, including three with Level 2 training, seven with Level 1, two with EMT-B and two Decon/HazMat training.
 - There is a high level of commitment to the job; pay is not the main motivation. Fire-fighters appreciate that the town pays for gear and training.
 - The main challenges are
 - The unnecessary risks to the fire-fighters caused by unsafe, malfunctioning equipment, specifically the 1987 pumper and the 1984 rescue truck.
 - The variety of opinions regarding the appropriate replacements for this equipment.
 - The perceived lack of response to the FD's request for a higher door at the Village Station required to accommodate newer equipment.
- We discussed replacement options for the old equipment.
- We discussed strategies for bringing about consensus in the town on replacing the old equipment. We decided that a good first step is to get an expert opinion on what renovations are required to the Village Station in order to accommodate a newer engine.

Motions:

- The meeting minutes of June 9 were approved.

Action items:

- Carol will ask Bruce Bellows to come to the Village Station and give us ideas on how to redesign the door.
- Carol will continue to contact local fire-fighters to gain more background information.

Next meeting:

August 13 at 7:00 pm at Vilas Pool.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Discuss options for the Village Station door.
- Discuss our strategy for getting consensus in the town on replacing the old equipment.