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ALTON FIRE WARDS
ALTON FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT
ALTON, NH 03809

December 14, 2005
Fire Wards Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Vice Chairman Richard Quindley, Board Member John Scott, Fire Chief Alan Johnson, and Secretary Mary Jane Dascoli

Members excused: Chairman Ken Roberts

The meeting was called to order at 4:20pm by Vice Chairman Richard Quindley at the Central Fire Station.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to accept the agenda for the December 14, 2005 meeting with changes noted, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. All in favor, the motion passed. It was agreed to hold the minutes of the August 17, 2005 meeting as the Vice Chairman was not present at that meeting, the Chairman was but is ill today.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2005 Fire Ward's Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. All in favor, the motion passed.

PUBLIC INPUT None

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter requesting a leave of absence was reviewed.
A letter regarding return of department equipment was reviewed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Johnson stated the Fire Department responded to 50 calls for service for the month of November; 18 Fire, 27 EMS and 5 Service. The department has been very busy and at this time we are 70 calls above last year.

Chief Johnson stated the West Alton bathroom has been completed, the siding is half done, and the exhaust system has been installed hi both bays.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2006 Budget was reviewed. The Vice Chairman stated that we can't run over the budget without going to the Selectmen first. A discussion was held regarding overages and Chief Johnson was instructed to send a letter to the Town Administrator explaining the overages for the Fire Department. Chief Johnson stated he attended a meeting at Lakes Region Dispatch regarding fees and the Belknap County Commissioners. The commissioners don't want to be bankers for Lakes Region. More discussion followed and Chief Johnson stated that Alton is the 6th highest paying Town as far as the assessment level in the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid system.

Chief Johnson noted that there is a meeting scheduled for December 20th at the Town Hall to review the Fire Department budget with Budget Committee Members. The Chairman planned to attend with the Chief.

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OLD BUSINESS

The 2005 Budget expenses were reviewed.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to adjourn to non-public session at 5:25pm, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. All in favor, the Board adjourned to non-public. A motion was made by Board Member Scott to adjourn out of non-public session at 5:45pm and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. All in favor, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Scott to adjourn the meeting at 5:46pm, seconded by Vice Chairman Quindley. All in favor, the motion passed - meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



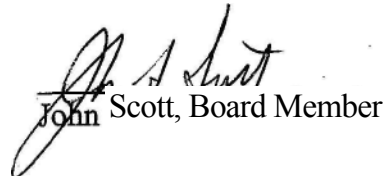
Mary Jane Dascoli
Recording Secretary

Date approved

Ken Roberts, Chairman



Richard Quindley, Vice Chairman



John Scott, Board Member