



Biddeford Fire Department

Emergency Services

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Present: Chairman Roger Cantara, Rick Laverriere, Kenneth Pendleton, Charles Drapeau, Chief Gagne, Assistant Chief LaBrecque, Deputy Chief Duross and Office Manager Kathy Boyden.

1. Called to Order at 10:00 am on November 10th, 2020 over ZOOM.
2. Roll Call
3. Fire Alarm – Placed on File
4. Minutes of August 11, 2020 meeting – Motion to accept minutes by Mr. Laverriere, seconded by Mr. Drapeau. Vote: Unanimous

Chief's Informational – The Chief stated that his requests for CIP for a new ambulance, power stretcher, cardiac monitor and stair chair for approval have all been approved and are on order.

As for the grants, the Safer Grant for additional personnel was turned down, but then AFG Equipment Grant was granted and we have purchased more rope and there will be more trainings.

There are currently 4 full time positions open with the hopes of filling at least 2 very shortly.

SCBA replacement has been completed, it has taken several years, but all SCBA's are updated. The replacement of gear has also been happening over the last few years. We are now in a good position as almost everyone has new gear.

Since our last meeting, Mr. Denyer has passed away. His daughter had donations in his memory come to the Fire Department for equipment. We will be meeting with her over Zoom next week to decide what will be purchased with the \$1600 that was received.

The Chief will be conducting an officer seminar to help bring trust and new ideas to the department.

The Fire/Police has been taken over by the PD. They are in charge of hiring, pay and training. They have loaned us a van to be used for the Fire/Police and fire investigation. We are able to load it with supplies that will be needed for either situation.

Assistant Chief LaBrecque discussed many new things happening within the City. He spoke about the 2 most recent fires, one on Western Ave. and one at Volk Packaging. Both were not suspicious and were quickly extinguished.

He stated that the Lincoln Mill is progressing, that Pearl St., by the brewery is undergoing renovations and that the Judicial Center is currently doing site work.

Deputy Chief Duross talked about the extrication training that they have been doing in the back of the station.

He is working to increase our CPR instructor course.

Covid is continuously changing but we are able to work through the many changes.

As for PPE, we have been able to secure a good amount of equipment and he is confident that we will have enough to make it through cold and flu season.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business – None

7. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Laverriere and seconded by Mr. Drapeau at 10:44 am. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted by:

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