

Georgia Fire and Rescue Department
Regular Business Meeting
May 1, 2025

Location:
4134 Ethan Allen Highway
Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 18 Excused: 6 Absent: 4

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:41pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept as read made by Ben Piper seconded by Jamieson Barber, motion passed.
- Keith thanked Todd and Jamie for helping with the public forum on the ladder truck at the station and those who showed up at the Town Meeting for the vote. The truck was approved, and planning is underway.
- Keith thanked everyone who participated in the Maple Festival.
- Keith reminded everyone of the potluck dinner at Keith's house on June 21st. Touch a truck will be occurring at 10:00am, at the school, on the same day.
- Keith thanked everyone who helped to arrange the awards banquet.
- Keith thanked those who participated in the meet up with the Rotary at the station.
- If anyone has not yet completed the ethics training, please do so per request of the town Select Board.
- Milton is hosting a CPR and first aid training for anyone who needs to makeup the training.
- Eric Couture provided an update from the ladder truck committee. Training on the 22nd will be cancelled as most of the department will be out of time that weekend.

New Business

- Training on the 15th will be a 4-gas meter training led by Andrew Dunsmore.
- Rob will be taking up to a two-month leave of absence starting the 15th.
- Trucks were pump tested today except for Engine 1 as the officer's side discharge has an issue. The parts have been ordered but have not yet arrived.
- Keith asked everyone to try to be careful with our equipment. We've recently had some bad luck, but everything we can do to minimize damage to equipment is appreciated.
- Matt Gonzales has joined the department and Aaron Martin has rejoined the department after having been away as a career firefighter in St. Johnsbury.
- Kieth thanked everyone who helped with the Girl Scout's planting of flowers in front of the station tonight. He also thanked Malcolm for doing the landscaping in preparation of the event.
- The Memorial Day parade is on the 31st. We will be cleaning the station and trucks as the trucks will be in the parade and the station will be used as a secondary location in case of rain.

- Rob has been working on updating Knox boxes and advocating for installation of boxes at local businesses. He is also working on a program for residential Knox boxes. A Knox box key may also be installed on the rescue truck.
- Monday, May 5th is the anniversary of Steve Lapierre's line of duty death. Keith asked if anyone was interested in gathering at the station and placing flags at the cemeteries in town. Anyone available should meet at the station at 6:00pm.
- Keith explained the public safety officer benefits and Pat distributed the beneficiary forms for members to update.
- Reminder that there will be live burns for Issac's qualification to test for his firefighter I certification on May 17th starting 7:00am.
- Andrew Dunsmore received a request from a past member, Jay Paquette, to burn a couple brush piles on his property. Anyone interested please let Andrew know.

Motion to adjourn made by Ben Piper seconded by Andrew Dunsmore, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Select Board Concerns

- None

Attendance

Member	Present	Excused	Absent	Note
Baker, Gary	x			
Baker, Keith	x			
Baker, Malcolm	x			
Baker, Michael	x			
Baker, Owen	x			
Barber, Jamieson	x			
Boudreau, Cassie		x		
Cadieux, Blake	x			
Cadieux, Todd	x			
Calacci, Anthony		x		
Callan, Jonathan	x			
Cook, Michael	x			
Cota III, A. James	x			
Couture, Eric	x			
Dubie, Chelsea		x		
Dunsmore, Andrew	x			
Ellis, Issac	x			
Gonzalez, Matthew	x			
King, Patrick	x			
Lafond, Cameron	x			
Lamaroux, Craig			x	
Lawrence, Caton		x		
Marden, Nichole			x	
Martin, Aaron	x			
Mullin, Rob		x		
Nye II, Eric			x	
Piper, Ben	x			
Wagner, Ken			x	
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Guests