

**May 05, 2016 Public Safety Committee  
New Gloucester Meeting House**

**Members in Attendance:**

John Randall, Chairman  
Frank Chambers, Secretary  
Ellie Espling  
Jim Ladewig, New Gloucester Fire/Rescue Chief

7:00pm - Meeting called to order by John Randall, Chairman

- Meeting was held @ the New Gloucester Meeting House. The meeting was televised NGTV 3
- Jim Ladewig, New Gloucester Fire/Rescue Chief discussed various items regarding the NG Fire and Rescue Department
  
- Jim has been with the New Gloucester Fire & Rescue Department since February 08, 2016. Jim comes from the community of Schertz, Texas.

Jim went over the following items:

- 1) Fire Equipment that is on hand at the fire station
  - 1928 E1 Model A Pumper
  - 2004 Pierce Pumper Engine 3
  - 2012 Pumper Tanker Engine 2
  - 2 Tankers which is the main water supply that holds up to 2,500 gallons of water
  - 1995 Peterbilt Tanker 1
  - 2001 Freightliner Tanker 2
  - 2014 Ford Ambulance A1
  - 1991 Peterbilt – carries rescue tools and equipment
  - Unit One is a pickup truck – Fire Chief's vehicle
- 2) Mutual aid comes from Gray, Poland, Auburn
- 3) Members on the Fire Department
  - 5 per diems, split shifts 6am to 6pm, driver should be there, 6 volunteers (2 or 3 per evening)
- 4) The Fire Department is tied in with the Cumberland County Emergency Management Dispatch
- 5) Doing an inventory on the equipment & future replacement needs.
- 6) In the back of the ambulance there is a radio & phone to keep in contact with the Hospital ER. EKG – no capability yet. The equipment are equipped with Kenwood & Motorola Radios
- 7) The department has a Yamasaki Mule which is used for logging accidents that happen recently, Pineland Farms walking trails accidents, woods fire to carry emergency equipment (fire extinguishers, etc).
- 8) Staff:
  - Fire department has 41 members
  - Live in program – 20 years ago
  - Students while going to school (currently 4 students), learn about the fire department, they study fire/science programs.
  - Volunteer Staff (24 hours) – they are not assigned to a schedule and there is a good turnout when an incident occurs.
  - Rescue side – 11 members (advance EMT, EMS/EMT/Advance Medical), 8 fire fighters cross over, Chief hours generally is from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

- 9) Certification – 3 years training  
Deputy Chief Mary Rich and Lt. Shelly Chipman does the training  
The goal is to beef up the fire & rescue members
  - 10) Calls:  
2013 – 461 calls (fire & rescue)  
2014 – increased by 100  
2015 – 568 calls  
2016 – 196 call so far  
70% is rescue calls & 30% is fire calls  
There has been a lot more calls this year  
Call volume is increasing
  - 11) John asked about the VA for member. The door is open to anyone to join the department. Added 6 members – 2 drivers, 2 firemen, 2 fire/EMS
  - 12) No actual goals as of yet. Would like a good variety of people – drivers only vs. patient care.  
One monthly meeting for all members and officers to go over changes, schedule, policies, fund raisers.  
Training – three time per month on a Monday.  
Rescue – emergency vehicle operation class. Evaluated by trainers after a call.  
Continuation education of advance training every 3 years. Local Hospital provide education.
  - 13) Progression of Fire Department.  
Some officers attend a conference.
  - 14) Excellent is My Responsibility:  
Do your job – best of your ability  
Treat everyone right  
All out effort  
All in attitude
  - 15) Frank mention that you need a permit to burn brush. Why not a permit to set off fireworks. Will look at the ordinance down the road.  
Address numbering should be 4 inches, notification on television, tax notice, Town Hall.  
The capital budget was mostly completed by the Chief came on board
  - 16) Will have future meetings with Raymond & Poland
- The next New Gloucester Public Safety Committee Meeting is schedule for May 2nd, 7:00pm at the New Gloucester Meeting House.
  - Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm