

SELECTMEN'S Meeting

Guest Speaker Presentation

June 20, 2013

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Guest Speaker: Ron O'Keefe Health and Safety Advisor for the Town's liability insurer at the Local Government Center.

Presentation: Risk Management in Fire and Rescue Service

Others Attending: General Public Attendance

The meeting was opened by Chair David Upton at 7:04 PM.

David thanked the audience for their attendance and interest in the evening's presentation and went on to introduce Mr. Ron O'Keefe.

Ron is the Health and Safety Advisor for the Property and Liability insurance division of LGC.

He is also the former Fire Chief for the Town of Durham, NH.

David noted that the Select Board has been working to fill three leadership positions on the Fire Department and Ron has been advising the Board in that effort.

The overall goal for the Board is to be able to provide effective firefighting services while minimizing the potential for liability loss resulting from the activities of the Fire and Rescue Department.

Ron told the audience that, as the Town's liability carrier, LGC provides support, education and counsel to the Board and other agencies within the Town.

He explained that liability issues are extensive in this day and age.

LGC can help with standard operating procedures and programs to aid the Fire service.

There are driving programs, leadership programs and other services to help volunteer fire departments meet or improve standards of service to the community.

A time for questions was then offered.

A few questions were asked of the speaker but many attendees were focused on having a Fire Chief appointed rather than on the evening's presentation.

Chair David Upton obliged the audience and offered the floor to anyone wishing to speak.

A number of residents as well as visiting fire personnel from other Towns offered opinions of their preferred process for selecting a Fire Chief and recommended Bud French for the position.

Nelson firefighter, Jason Walter spoke of the willingness of the department to participate in more training.

The Fire Chief of Stoddard graciously offered to help Nelson with training and explained that Stoddard has a vested interest in Nelson because of the support each of these towns needs from one another.

As dialog continued it appeared there were no further questions for the guest speaker
So at that time Chair, David Upton closed the presentation.

Adjourned 8:55 PM.

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel