

## Community Meeting about Fire Department Issue

August 18, 2015

Started at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Pavlik, Scott Mathison, Glen Mathison, Kari Joas, Nancy Kinney, Mike Kinney and Denise Kempen (also on behalf of Tim Kempen and Al Kuenzi)

- What would we like to look at? Look for?
- We need to be open-minded and get information that the Town needs-what is in the Town budget and where will the money come from?
- Dave Pavlik- was promised preliminary numbers 2 weeks ago, and need a mission statement for a citizens committee.
- What is the best way to address the fire protection?
- This is a Fact Finding Mission-insurance and liability are concerns
- Denise Kempen-put the community first-how are we going to serve them?
- need to present all the facts at a town meeting
- Community needs to be invested in their town
- Mission statement for the citizens committee: Provide facts related to the alternative solutions to meet the fire protection needs of the Town of Winchester. (1st in last out, community 1st.)
- Look at each alternative solution: Form a joint fire department, our own fire department or contract out.
- **Joint Fire Department-** what will the cost be? Who would it be with? Property insurance impact? What do other departments say about this?
- **Own Fire Department-**what will the cost be? Insurance/liability? Training timeline? Number of people that were to join? What kinds of equipment do we have/need? Can someone be on 2 departments at once? Property insurance impact? Can apply every year for a grant.
- **Contract Out-** What will the cost be? Property insurance impact? Who would do it for us?
- Already have mutual aid set up, would just need to have a new contract made up with Winchester only
- Fire Department insurance is different than town insurance-what does the insurance all cover for all three options?
- List of equipment and how it was acquired-Glen Mathison was going to work on that.
- Mike Kinney talk to area departments about joint departments and contracting out as well.
- Insurance-what does it cover/not cover? how much difference would there be between the three options?-Dave Pavlik
- MABAS- what need to have in order to go?-Denise Kempen
- Currently have 2 or 3 firefighters available during the day; with a stand alone department have up to 7 that could respond during the day.
- go through Fire Department Profit and Loss Budget next meeting.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday Sept. 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by Kari Joas