

# **BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICE**

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### **September 10, 2014 General Meeting**

The general meeting of the Barrington Municipal Fire & Emergency Service was held on September 10, 2014 at the Island & BP fire hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Dave Kendrick.

Departments present were; Woods Harbour Shag Harbour, Island & BP, Barrington/ Port la Tour, and Port Clyde. Councillor Jody Crook was also in attendance.

Motion made to approve the agenda by Paul Thomas, seconded by Jammie Nickerson.

The previous meetings minutes were read, and a motion for approval was made by Walter Scott, seconded by Troy Stoddard, carried.

#### **Old Business:**

There was no old business.

#### **New Business:**

A list of concerns about the department were presented by Dave Kendrick. Each subject of concern would be addressed at the meeting.

1. Fire Service Coordinator being Fire Chief: Dave presented the qualifications for Chief, District Chief, and Station Chief. He also explained that if anyone wanted the job of Chief, and met the qualifications, then they would be voted in as Chief by the membership.
2. Coordinator works for Municipality and not the fire service: Dave explained how the FSAC worked with council, and how council had the last say on subjects from the Advisory Committee. Jody Crook also explained his role as a councillor that attended

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FSAC meetings. A motion was made by Jennifer Bell, to invite all the councillors to attend FSAC meetings, and BMFES meetings. Motion seconded by Paul Crowell, carried.

3. What is the District Chiefs job: Dave explained that the job was the same as the old Chiefs job.
4. What is the Station Chiefs job: Dave explained that the job was the same as the old Deputy Chiefs job.
5. Only 5 people have a say: The 5 Station Chiefs have a vote, and this is after they have discussed the subject with their departments before they vote. A lengthy discussion ensued, but in the end of the discussion a consensus was that we would keep this as it is.
6. All departments shouldn't have been amalgamated: Members thought some individuality should stay at the stations.
7. Who is in charge at a fire: The person with the IC vest on is in charge at a fire.
8. Morale is low: There was a discussion on the changes in the fire service.
9. Warden shouldn't be involved: This subject was already discussed in #2.
10. Not allowed to ask questions: It was explained that anyone can ask questions at the FSAC but only the 5 Station Chiefs had a vote.
11. Training, everyone don't need to be trained: It was explained that because of liability that everyone needed training. Some members showed concern about taking the 8 year exam, and Dave explained the process of taking the exam.
12. Things are being cut: Dave explained that recruitment had been brought up twice. Cuts have been made are to SCBA numbers and the I&BP truck

A motion was made to use the accountability system that was presented at the meeting, by Troy Stoddard, seconded by Jammie Nickerson, carried.

Motion made to adjourn by Mike swim, seconded by Robert Strang.