

RUTLAND TOWN SELECTBOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

FIRE COMMITTEE

MAY 20th, 2025

The Fire Committee of the Rutland Town Selectboard met at 4:30 PM on Tuesday May 20th, 2025, at the Municipal Town Hall. Present was Selectboard Chair Mary Ashcroft, Selectboard Member Kurt Hathaway, Town Fire Chief Chris Clark, Town Assistant Fire Chief Larry Dell Veneri , and Town Assistant Fire Chief Mike Carlson.

The committee discussed moving away from bylaws and going to policies.

1. The department members have been working on them for some time and expect it to take up to another year. They discuss some at each business meeting.
2. One of the topics which came up because of these discussions was the limit placed on out-of-town members. The department voted to increase the limit from 10 to 15. The committee will recommend this change to the full board.

There is one new application to approve. It would be for a new junior firefighter.

Discussed the purchase of the cascade system for the new building, and what funding options are available. Reviewed the status of the remaining budget. Overall, the department anticipates turning back approximately \$30,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

Discussed purchasing air bottles annually as to not have to replace a large amount of them at once. They are currently \$1400 each. Bottles last up to 15 years. The last time they were purchased all the bottles were purchased at once. The committee will recommend this to the full board, with the funds to come from the depreciation account.

Discussed the purchase of a new brush fire skid. The total is \$12,565. This has a 150-gallon tank, pump, and hose reel with 100' of hose. This comes from a special vendor. There is a hoist in the utility bay to put it in and take it out of the truck. The committee will recommend this to the full board, with the funds to come from the depreciation account.

Discussed the purchase of the cascade system. An updated quote has not been requested. The last quote was approximately \$87,000. This will be discussed with the full board. There are no other immediate large purchases planned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Sweet