

Dartmouth Fire District 2 Minutes

March 9, 2026 At District Fire Station

Start at 19:20

Board members present: Paul Abranties, Ralph Medeiros, John Sousa , Eric Turcotte Chief,, Deputy Chief.

1/ Vendor Warrant, motion to approve was made by John, second by Paul, the vote was unanimous.

2/ Payroll Warrant, motion to accept was made by John, second by Ralph, the vote was unanimous.

3/ Approval of Meeting Minutes: John made a motion to approve the Dec 8, 2025 Executive Meeting minutes. Second by Ralph.

4/ Discussion on 2026/27 budget for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Chief brought up grading building door locks with a keyless system which would increase security. Chief asked for funding of \$15000 to come out of Free Cash account and noted he received estimate of just under \$40K from another vendor. Also the Chief brought up the need to Re-sealing the parking lot was over due and requested it be funded out of the Free Cash account after he receives estimates. Chief requested hiring another Fire fighter for the department. The PC board took it under advisement after discussing the tax levy increasing in difficult times. Chief brought up the need to refurb or replace Engine 5 with a used Engine at an estimated cost of ot more than \$350 K. a discussion continued on the best way to proceed. Funded by \$250 K out of Stab Funds, \$100 K out of Free Cash, to be approved at the Annual Meeting or a special Meeting for approval. John brought up Health Insurance increasing for the new budget the Chief said it would be going up about 8.5%.

5/ Chiefs report: Discussion on building condition and fixtures. John brought up the posable need to upgrade building generator thats a 1984 unit. Discussion ensued to possibility update the Genset in one to two years. Chief mentioned he renegotiated Comcast Cable service contract basically getting the bill cut nearly in half. John noticed about half a dozen Fire personal worked the snow storm detail brought up the possibility of reimbursement and the Chief mentioned is filing for reimbursement with EMA Director hopefully we will be paid. Discussion on Burn Season Motion to approve chiefs report was made by Paul, second by John. Motion to the vote was unanimous.

6/ Next meeting Monday April 13, 2025 at 19:00

7/ Motion to adjourn was made by Paul, second by John, the vote was unanimous.

Prepared by: Ralph Medeiros