

Board of Fire Engineer's Minutes
August 18, 2026 R/S to 08.25.2026
08:30 hrs.
Gilford Fire-Rescue

Meeting called to order by Chair Akerley at 08:30 am

Present: Chairman Akerley, Engineer Lyman, Engineer Skinner, Chief Carrier, Deputy Ober, Captain Brown, Town Admin Kelley
and Exec Secretary Boulanger

Excused:

Minutes of Previous Meetings: July 28, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2026, by Engineer Skinner, seconded by Engineer Lyman. Unanimously approved.

Report - Fire Chief

Activities

- Worked 2 Meadowbrook Concerts.
- Attended Chief Kelley's Retirement BBQ.
- Participated in a virtual NHAFC BOD meeting.
- Attended the NHAFC Monthly Meeting and Seminar in Shelburne.
- Attended FRI 2026 in Kansas City, MO.
 - New IAFC President is Steve Locke from South Burlington, VT.
 - Great seminars, expo, and speakers. Very, very hot!
- Conducted Joint Loss inspections of Town properties with Matt Whitney.

Budget:

- 2026 Budget
 - Reports provided and reviewed
 - Overall – we are in very good shape heading into the last quarter of the year.
 - Watching Lines:
 - OT, Professional Development, Fuels, and Building Maintenance – all are projected to finish over the budgeted amounts.

Personnel

- Current probationary employees, FF Goodwin and FF Labrecque are on track and doing a great job

Activity Log: Report provided to Engineers with a brief discussion.

- January 2026 – July 2026:
 - 1148 incidents. Almost 100 more than the same period in 2025.
 - Highest total, ever, January through July.
- August to date:
 - 140 incidents (8/24). On pace to do 180 this month.
 - That would be the same as 8/2025 and just below the 10-year average for August.

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Operations

- New Portable Radios
 - Currently testing the antenna
 - We are experiencing both transmission and receiving issues

Report - Deputy Chief

Fire Prevention / Inspections

- Monthly Report provided to all engineers
- Average month with 75 inspections
 - Engineer Lyman inquired about the Cistern System at the DPW building
 - The airport has three new hangers in the works, making way for the potential storage for up to nine jets
 - Lily Pond Rd Lots 2 & 6 to be merged
 - This will make way for a stand along emergency room

Vehicle Maintenance

- Fire Boat door – Bracket fell off – since been repaired

EMS

- No updates

IT

- No updates

Report - Training Captain

Call Company

- Capt. Brown provided reports and charts for call company updates
- Three of our call members have been hired full-time in Belmont, Laconia and Hookset. All three remain active call members.

Training

- Training hours have resumed up to 80 hours
- Capt. Brown has recently completed the Incident Safety Officer training, getting his Certification
- Working on Hazmat and Active Shooter training

Old Business

- None

New Business:

- **Comfort Dog – Captain Brown**
 - Captain Brown provided an overview of the potential opportunity for Gilford Fire-Rescue to receive a comfort dog.
 - The Engineers provided a draft copy of the SOP-Procedure governing the existence of the comfort dog.

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- **2002 Mack Replacement**
- Deputy Ober provided a review of the condition of the 2002 Mack tanker and recommendations for replacing it.
 - Deputy Ober is recommended the Board of Engineers approve moving the tanker replacement to the 2027 Town Meeting, one year earlier than planned due to the potential for a 2-2.5 year turn around. This being an expected delivery date in 2029 or 2030, helping to keep us with our current apparatus replacement plan.
 - **Motion to approve moving the Tanker replacement discussion to the 2027 Town Meeting by Engineer Skinner, seconded by Engineer Lyman. Unanimous approved**
- **Mobile Command Post Trailer**
 - Deputy Ober was approached by LR Mutual Fire regarding their current command trailer.
 - LRMFA has offered to give the trailer to Fire-Rescue for a future command post.
 - Deputy provided several photos for the engineers to review
 - The trailer is 32 ft. long and is approximately 25 years old
 - Deputy is looking for approval to accept the trailer as is at no cost to the town.
 - **Motion to accept the mobile command post trailer at no cost to the town by Engineer Skinner, seconded by Engineer Lyman. Unanimously approved.**
- **Old Home Day**
August 29, 2026
Arrive 9:45 at GFR
Parade Starts 10am

Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn at 9:15am by Engineer Skinner, seconded by Engineer Lyman. Unanimously approved.**
- **Next Meeting Date:** September 15, 2026 @ 8:30am. Gilford Fire-Rescue
Respectfully Submitted Exec. Secretary Boulanger