

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
8:00 P.M.**

**KAREN JAMES  
ERIC DURGIN  
CORY HALE**

**Workshop started with Bruce Pyburn HFD chief and Gary Pierce SHFD chief present. All 3 municipal officers were present as well as Terry, Marylou and Emma.**

**Eric explained to the chiefs about how the fire departments are currently operating within the town. That there is a major lack of volunteers on both sides to sufficiently staff the departments within themselves. With that said, it has been discussed to go to a one chief system for the entire town with deputy chiefs for each department. Budgets would be combined with the chief controlling the budget. Municipal officers feel this may unify the town by helping each other.**

The Municipal officers was informed by MMA that it is a mandate for the municipal officers to elect or appoint the chief, we are a municipal department funded by the town. The chief would standardize the training across the board for both departments. We would have to enact an ordinance which is voted on by the town.

Bruce said he feels it would help administrative wise in both departments because of so much paperwork and reporting that needs to be done.

Gary asked if our mutual aid agreements are up to date because Kezar Falls fire dept had them sign a new one at chiefs meeting. Terry pulled the file and the mutual aid agreements state that unless one of the departments choose to get out of the agreement in writing they are still active and no need to update.

Board reviewed sample ordinance – Marylou will work on a draft copy.

Marylou asked that the funds for the article in the town meeting warrant for the waterwheel restoration and building for Sawmill park could come from the ARPA funds instead of the Parks and Rec account. No decision made. Could be changed at town meeting if choose to.

Workshop adjourned,  
Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Day