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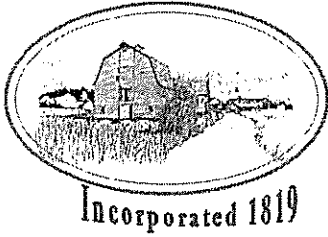
A selectmen's board meeting was held last night to consider the reappointment of Glen Williamson as the town fire chief, a position he resigned on August 2, 2016.

The board was presented with a list of 3 demands by representatives of the fire department. These demands were limiting in having a workable relationship with the chief and were rejected. Because of this rejection, the fire department personnel in attendance resigned en masse.

Officials of the town had been conferring with neighboring towns and their fire departments in anticipation and were notified within minutes of last night's action. The county dispatch center was notified.

A new fire chief was chosen and will be appointed today.

There will be no further comment at this time.



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Fire Dept. Update: May 17, 2017

Yesterday Ralph Shaw was appointed Newburgh's Fire Chief by the town manager as required by law. The new fire chief has assumed the additional responsibilities of Town Fire Warden and Emergency Management Director, positions that until now were not officially held. The chief is now pursuing staffing of the department.

We were contacted by the Maine Forest service and they have noted that they are monitoring Newburgh for any events and have assured us "that we will respond quickly and robustly".

Surrounding towns as well as county dispatch continue to monitor and are prepared to respond as necessary.

The current changes have NO effect on the town's Rescue Department. Chris Fox is still in command and the structure of the department remains unchanged.