

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Your Fire Department was called to nine outdoor burning incidents this year; none did major damage, thanks to quick response. Many thanks to the residents of town for their respect for the dangers during the few dry periods, and for being alert to any careless burning.

The Wardens issued nearly two hundred permits during the year, and there were only a few cases where people were unaware of the requirement to contact us before burning. As a reminder, a permit to burn is required at any time there is no snow on your site. Only natural wood products may be burned, such as branches and debris from yard cleanup or land clearing. No painted, stained, or treated wood or plywood may be burned. There is no charge for a permit; it is used only as a tool to let the protection system know when and where there is burning going on. In times of high fire danger, usually in the early Spring before green up, and in the Fall after frost has stopped new growth, we may ask that you refrain from burning until there is sufficient rainfall to dampen things down. We appreciate your cooperation at these times.

The Town replaced our old 1952 Jeep brush truck with a 1993 Ford F250 pickup about twelve years ago, and this truck is now showing its age. We started a sinking fund two years ago in hopes of finding a used truck at a reasonable price before this one becomes too expensive to maintain. We plan to do this within the next two years. We urge your support on the ballot article to add to the sinking fund. This truck, when it is needed, also supports activities of the Fire Department.

TO REPORT A FIRE CALL 911

Remember—Only you can prevent forest fires!

Respectfully submitted

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