

# Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

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March 8, 2016

The March 7, 2016 meeting of the Deep River Fire Commission began at 7:03 P.M. with Spitzschuh, Lee, Bowden, and Budney. Lanouette was absent. Acting Fire Marshal Kerop was also in attendance.

The minutes of the February 1, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as written. Moved by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bowden. Unan.

The Financial Statements were reviewed. Physicals will run over budget. Vehicle Maintenance will also be over budget. There are some bills to be submitted now, and end of year maintenance on all the trucks are due. The cost of the maintenance is \$1,000.00 each. It may be possible to wait until later, and pay this from bothh 2015 and 2016 budgets.

Chief reported 38 calls last month. 19 of them were during a snow storm on February 5<sup>th</sup>. There was one personal injury claim during a call. A member slid on the ice while exiting the truck during a call. That call also produced cosmetic only damage to a responding apparatus. All reports were filled out and filed.  
Grant money for a Mobile Command Center, will be used to map out incidents.

The Deputy asked if Dale Winschel, of the Emergency Operation Center, could use Fire Headquarters during incidents. No one on the Commission was opposed to the proposal. He also thinks the purchase of a compressor is inline, after a charge of \$135.00 was incurred after the need to inflate tires on some of the vehicles. There was a discussion on where to send the Engineers to price out a compressor. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

He also said while the Department answered a call in Westbrook, he stayed back at Winthrop Station, and was overwhelmed exhaust smoke. At this time he requests, something is put into the budget to provide an exhaust system for that building. There was also a lengthy discussion on the progress of the Building Committee. It was also mentioned that a tax bill for the adjoining building was received. This building should be exempt from taxes at this time.

Fire Marshal submitted January and February Activity Reports. They were reviewed. He said he has done some work on the INFERS system, and has filed information. This should be completely updated in a few days.

There was no Engineer's report.

There was no Chairman's report.

Under Other Business, Budney asked if there was any information concerning the on-going Worker's Comp discussion. Bowden did not have any definitive answers at this point.

Bowden inquired why the whistles still sound off. It was explained the whistle go off until a certain time at night, partly to alert Townspeople of emergency activity, and later in the night, if it is a second alarm.

The budget was reviewed. Requests for funding was evaluated. Lee will work up the numbers before the budget is turned in. Spitzschuh will call to find out when the Fire Commission budget will be discussed, so the Commission can attend to justify the money they are requesting.

The 5yr Capital Expenditures was also discussed.

The commission reviewed applications for the Fire Marshal position. There was a discussion about the applicants. Bowden will pursue legal advice on matters concerning the applications.

There was no Old Business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28. Moved by Budney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Spitzschuh. Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth Simmons". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the word "Clerk".

Clerk

**Office of the Fire Marshal  
Town of Deep River**

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**FIRE MARSHAL ACTIVITY REPORT JANUARY 2016**

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- 01/02/2016: DRFD responded to a reported oven fire at 33 Witch Hazel. Upon arrival homeowner had unplugged and pulled away from the wall. Small electrical fire in controls self-extinguished. No extension. Stove was removed from the house. Fire Marshal notified and responded.
- 01/02/2016: 5FM responded to 33 Witch Hazel for the oven fire. Upon my arrival the stove had been removed and was outside the residence. I documented the condition of the stove and the area of origin.
- 01/02/2016: DRFD responded to an odor of propane inside Dunkin Donuts. Negative readings with three meters. D&D to call gas company. Tank was at 72%.
- 01/03/2016: DRFD responded to a two car MVA at 44 Winthrop Rd. No injuries. EMS was cancelled.
- 01/06/2016: DRFD responded mutual aid to 20 Dump Rd in Essex for the structure fire at Calamari Recycling.
- 01/07/2016: DRFD responded mutual aid to 20 Dump Rd in Essex for the structure fire at Calamari Recycling.
- 01/07/2016: DRFD responded mutual aid to 93 River Rd in Essex for an AFA.
- 01/07/2016: DRFD responded mutual aid to 36 Main St in Essex for an AFA.
- 01/08/2016: DRFD responded mutual aid with the tanker to 20 Dump Rd in Essex for the fire at Calamari Recycling.
- 01/08/2016: DRFD responded mutual aid to 20 Dump Rd in Essex with manpower for the fire at Calamari Recycling.
- 01/10/2016: DRFD responded to an AFA at 71 Warsaw St caused by food on the stove. No FD assistance needed.
- 01/11/2016: DRFD responded to 111 Union Street for the water emergency due to a broken water pipe on the second floor. Power was secured at the main breaker and water was secured at the street.
- 01/12/2016: 5FM provided fire extinguisher training for the DR Post office employees upon their request.
- 01/15/2016: DRFD responded mutual aid to 1 Walnut Street in Ivoryton for the Structure Fire. Cancelled in route as it was a large outside fire.
- 01/15/2016: 5FM performed a special inspection at 500 Main (Inventec) to review their handling of flammable liquids. Special Inspection report was issued with violations noted.
- 01/18/2016: DRFD responded to 47 Warsaw Street for an MVA. Found 1 car off the road with no occupant. CSP tracked with K9. EMS called to 219 Warsaw for the driver. DOT requested to sand the road.
- 01/19/2016: DRFD responded to 151 Main St for the minor two car MVA. No fluids down. FD cleared.
- 01/21/2016: 5FM met with Consulting Engineering regarding future work at 190 Main Street for the Anytime Fitness regarding the sprinkler design requirements.
- 01/25/2016: DRFD responded to 56 Main Street for the lift assist for 5-4.

01/25/2016: DRFD responded mutual aid to 76 Dennison Rd in Essex for the dumpster fire.  
01/26/2016: 5FM performed a special inspection at Mt St Johns to review proposed egress door replacements.  
01/27/2016: DRFD responded to 13 Burroughs Lane to assist CSP with forcible entry. Occupant was found in need of medical attention. EMS dispatched and FD stayed to assist.

**Burn Permits issued for the following:**

88 Bahr Rd  
101 Meadow Woods  
29 Fairview  
39 Lobb  
443 Winthrop Rd  
274 Kelsey Hill  
48 Glen Grove  
162 Westbrook Rd

**Blasting Permits:**

Blasting permit issued for MDB at Haynes Materials valid until 01/28/16

**Summary of Activity for  
Deep River Fire Department  
Month of January, 2016**

February 1, 2016

During the month of January 2016, the Deep River Fire Department responded to 17 incidents.

- 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 1 Fire Alarm
- 8 Mutual Aid Responses
- 1 Stove Fire
- 1 Odor of Gas (exterior)
- 1 Public Assist
- 2 EMS assists

Information recorded by:  
Adam Kerop  
Acting Fire Marshal

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**FIRE MARSHAL ACTIVITY REPORT FEBRUARY 2016**

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- 02/03/2016: DRFD responded to 26 Hemlock Terrace for the wires down from a residence. Eversource was notified and the Dept cleared.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD responded to 305 Main St for public service. Residence had 2 ft of water in the basement. The FD set up an electric pump to assist.
- 02/05/2016: 5FM performed compliance inspection at Riverview Lodge. Violation letter issued.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD responded to 16 Laurelwood Dr for a tree into the residence with the service taken off the house.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 37 Tower Hill for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 364 Main St. for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 218 Warsaw St. for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to Kelsey Hill and Main for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 475 Winthrop Rd. for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 19 Hemlock Terrace for the wires down call off a residence.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to West Bridge St and Fox Run for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 131 Warsaw St. for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 284 West Elm Street for the MVA with one car off the road and no injuries.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 34 Main St. for the wires down call off a residence.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 91 Warsaw St. for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 179 West Bridge St. for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 39 Scenic View Dr. for the EMS assist.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to River Rd. and Buckingham for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded to 45 Straits Rd for the wires down call.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded mutual aid to 5 Gorham Rd in Chester for the Inside Smoke investigation. Upon investigation found a lampshade against the bulb with just an odor.
- 02/05/2016: DRFD Responded mutual aid to 55 Stevenstown Rd in Westbrook for the structure fire.
- 02/06/2016: DRFD Responded mutual aid to 55 Stevenstown Rd in Westbrook for the rekindle of the structure.
- 02/07/2016: DRFD Responded mutual aid to 55 Stevenstown Rd in Westbrook for the rekindle of the structure.
- 02/08/2016: DRFD responded to 171 Winthrop Rd. for the MVA with one car off the road with three occupants. Refusals were taken for two children and the driver was transported by 5-4.
- 02/10/2016: 5FM performed a special inspection at 500 Main Street units 3B&C to review egress requirements in support of state permits required for storing wine. A memo was issued regarding the required egress.

02/12/2016: DRFD responded to 58 Warsaw St. for the CO detector activation with symptoms. Zero readings with two meters. 5-4 took two refusals. New CO detector given to occupant.

02/13/2016: DRFD responded to 12 River St. for the MVA with no injuries or hazards.

02/13/2016: DRFD responded to 11 Union St. for the CO detector activation. Zero readings found with two meters.

02/14/2016: DRFD responded to mutual aid to Route 148 in Killingworth for the structure fire.

02/14/2016: DRFD responded to 92 Main St. for the person stuck in the elevator at Piano Works. Person was removed.

02/14/2016: DRFD responded to 45 Kirtland St. for the stove fire. Upon investigation found a malfunctioning element on the stove. The breaker was turned off and the stove unplugged.

02/14/2016: DRFD responded to 177 Main St. for the gas spill. Approximately 5 gallons of gas on the ground. Speedy dry applied.

02/14/2016: DRFD responded to 38 Bridge Street for the water condition on the exterior. The water fill valve was frozen and stuck in the fill position overflowing the firewater tank. CT Water isolated the supply from the street. FD cleared and sprinkler systems remained in service. 5FM notified and on scene for follow up.

02/14/2016: 5FM responded to 38 Bridge Street to assist the FD. Verified with building maintenance that the sprinkler systems were to remain operational.

02/15/2016: 5FM inspected 38 Bridge Street to ensure all repairs were made and the fill line from CT water was restored. No further issues found.

02/15/2016: DRFD responded to 92 Main St. for the odor of smoke. Upon investigation found the source to be the plastic smoking bin outside the entrance.

02/16/2016: DRFD responded to 135 Kirtland Street for the fire alarm at Mt St Johns. Alarm was due to a broken sprinkler head from the freezing weather. Fire pumps were secured.

02/16/2016: 5FM inspected 135 Kirtland as a follow up to the broken sprinkler along with 5-0. Broken head had been repaired and system was back in service. While on the premise another head began leaking and the system was taken back offline until the next day for repair. 5-0 was notified and system was available for manual use if needed.

02/17/2016: 5FM re-inspected 135 Kirtland Street to follow up on second repair and ensure all system were back online and normal. No further issues found.

02/17/2016: 5FM reviewed plans for P&Z approval for the new anytime fitness proposed at 190 Main street. Approval letter was submitted to P&Z.

02/19/2016: DRFD responded to 273 Winthrop Rd for smoke in the building. Upon investigation found a pot holder had fallen onto oven heating element and burned. Stove was removed and later brought back in. 5FM notified and responded.

02/19/2016: 5FM performed follow up inspection at 500 Main (inventec) to review plans for abatement of violations.

02/19/2016: 5FM performed follow up inspection at Piano Works to inspect work completed from previous inspection and follow up on system testing.

02/19/2016: 5FM responded to 273 Winthrop Rd. Documented stove and burned pot holder.

02/19/2016: DRFD responded to 176 Stevenstown Rd for the Chimney Fire with no extension. Homeowner had already attempted to extinguish with water buckets poured down chimney. Burning material was removed from the stove and the flue pipe was checked from the roof. 5FM contacted and responded.

02/19/2016: 5FM responded to 176 Stevenstown Rd. Documented the condition of the stove and the flue pipe. Advised homeowner not to use the stove until the flue and the vent pipe were inspected by licensed contractors.

02/20/2016: 5FM reviewed and signed a liquor permit for an event at the town hall.

02/21/2016: DRFD responded to 156 Essex St for the MVA rollover. One occupant self extricated. 5-4 took one refusal.

02/28/2016: DRFD responded to Rte 80 for the 2 car MVA with no injuries and no hazards.

02/29/2016: DRFD responded to 256 Kelsey Hill for the AFA. Caused by a blocked vent in the silk screening room.

Burn Permits issued for the following:

10 West Bridge St  
162 Westbrook Rd  
462 Winthrop Rd

Blasting Permits:

None.



**Summary of Activity for  
Deep River Fire Department  
Month of February, 2016**

March 7, 2016

During the month of February 2016, the Deep River Fire Department responded to 38 incidents.

Wires Down	15
Mutual Aid	5
Motor Vehicle Accident	5
Public Service	2
EMS Assist	1
Carbon Monoxide	2
Rescue	1
Other Type Fire	3
Haz-Mat	1
Automatic Fire Alarm	2
Chimney Fire	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>

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