

Volunteer Incentive Committee  
Special Meeting

Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Ron Masters.

Present were: Cal Meyers, Chief Tom Arcari, Chief Jim Barton, Dale Nelson, Gil Hayes, Dan Schnobrich, and Ron Masters

The minutes of the last regular meeting were reviewed and approved, motion by D. Nelson, seconded by G. Hayes. The motion carried.

There was no public comment at the meeting.

Chief Arcari presented the committee with the incentive expenditures for BBFD for the period Oct.1 thru Dec. 31. The total was \$21,478. The training portion of this submittal included a 40 hour course for 5 firemen which covered the proper way to install and secure child car seat. Subsequent to completion of the training, an event was held at the fire hall and about 30 families took advantage of the opportunity to either check or install child car seats. There were 144 calls for this period. A motion to accept the report was made by D. Schnobrich and seconded by D. Nelson. The motion carried.

Chief Arcari also reported that the BBFD was awarded a FMEA grant for recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Gerry Bancroft and Nick Macsata applied for the grant and will carry it forward.

Chief Barton provided the committee with the totals for the WHPFD for the quarter. They were \$17,601 including all training and officer stipends.

This makes the total for the quarter \$39,079 against a budget estimate of \$43,700. Thus far the incentive program is under running the budget by about \$10,000.

The committee discussed the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year and concluded that it should remain at \$175,000. The committee also suggested that responsibility for the VFIS pension for the firefighters be moved to the volunteer incentive committee. This suggestion will be brought to the attention of the First Selectman. In that regard, the committee will propose a budget of \$50,000 for the firemen's pension program for the next fiscal year. Both programs continue to be underfunded and this addition of \$3000 over last year's budget should help this situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Masters , Chairman