

# MINUTES

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## Board of Fire Engineers Board, Committee, Office, Etc.

Date: February 6, 2017 Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,  
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver  
Absent: None

Minutes from January 23 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances reviewed.

### COMPANY OFFICERS MEETING

Officers present: Capt. Keith Newlands, Capt. Dave King, Capt. Bill Stevens, Capt. Steve Brock, Lt. Jason Cadrin, Lt. Rick LaVallee, Lt. Gordon Siebenhaar, Lt. Francis King, and Lt. Joe Kosiba. Chief Hamilton went over the following:

1. The sprinkler system at 29 Main Street has been reactivated and the heat is on. One buyer backed out but the owner is working with another. The Fire Department can continue to use the building for training.
2. Blasting is taking place at 51 Howe Avenue. Six-12 unit buildings will be constructed. A master box will be installed at the office building. The developer will furnish Opticomms for emergency vehicles.
3. Chief Hamilton thanked those who attended the company officer training classes. He asked for any comments. Lt. King said it was a great class and Joe Nedder was a good teacher.
4. Two homes in the new Stratford Village Drive complex are occupied. The pumping station is active but only four hydrants are "live". There is still a question about house numbers and the one-way direction of the road.
5. The Board agreed on a color coding system for hydrants that will indicate whether it is a private, public, or dry hydrant. This will be given to all stations.
6. The Fire Department was awarded a S.A.F.E. and Senior S.A.F.E. grant totaling \$6,547. Chief Hamilton is looking for volunteers to help with the program.
7. Chief Hamilton explained the additional training needed for the Tri-Town RIT Response. The schedule is posted at each station. Those who attend the required classes will receive a certificate. The Board is working on a standard operating procedure for the RIT response.
8. New ID's are being worked on. The Emergency Management Director is creating the ID's.
9. Deputy Chief Rudge commended the guys for attending the additional training classes on off nights and weekends. This was a lot to ask-but he appreciated it. He asked if the officers would like to see more training with Joe Nedder. The consensus was "yes". Lt. Cadrin asked if the guys were "covered" if someone got hurt using Nedder's training. Discussion took place. It was agreed that if you got anything out of the training, it was worth it and that there would always be a question of liability with any training. Asst. Chief Silver said District 7 is looking into providing the company officer's class district-wide. Asst. Chief Gasco said not all training needs to be provided by the Mass. Fire Academy (MFA). It was noted the electric car training arranged by Lt. Siebenhaar was not MFA but was a great class. Capt. Brock said Nedder was down to earth and spoke so everyone understood.

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10. Asst. Chief Gasco agreed with Deputy Chief Rudge that there was a lot more training on off-nights, but it had to be done and would benefit the guys. He appreciated everyone's attendance.
11. Asst. Chief Gasco said the training schedule is done through the end of June and the remainder should be done by the end of next month. He asked the officers to give him some ideas for training.
12. Asst. Chief Piscitelli agreed with other Board members and said he was glad to see so many making the effort to get the training done and trying to improve. He said to keep it up.
13. Asst. Chief Silver said he got compliments about the number of guys who show up on a Monday night for training. He asked the officers to pass this on to their guys.
14. Chief Hamilton told the group that Matt Anderson will graduate from the Academy on 3/1/17. All are invited to attend-in Class A uniform.
15. Capt. King asked if Monday night training has to be done as well as the off-night training. He was told yes.
16. Lt. King said there are many homes occupied in the new development off Oak Pond Avenue but there is no access from Westview Avenue. Chief Hamilton will check this.
17. Lt. King said the Burbank Reservoir project is moving forward and will begin on March 15, 2017. It should take six to eight weeks to complete. This means no water is to be used for training. In case of fire, Worcester will provide the water. Also, the drought is still at Stage 2.
18. Lt. Kosiba asked if any pagers were available. He was told about the issue of Motorola not repairing Minitor V and that the Board is replacing them with Minitor VI starting with the captains. Eventually, all will be replaced.
19. Capt. Stevens said the water gauge on Engine 3 is still not working. It will go back to Specialty Vehicles at some point.
20. Capt. Stevens asked about replacing Forestry 1 and said that the door lock on the truck needs to be repaired. He was told plans to replace the truck are in the works and someone will check the door lock.
21. Capt. Stevens said the life safety rope for the RIT has deteriorated and asked if it could be replaced. He was told the Board is looking into this. Stevens suggested the life safety bag be a different color than the RIT bag.
22. Capt. Stevens asked about the generator for Station 3. He was told this was included in next year's budget.
23. The meeting was interrupted by a tone. Before leaving, Lt. Cadrin asked for sirens in private vehicles.

Company officers left and the Board continued their meeting.

### PRE INCIDENT PLANS

Board members reviewed revised pre incident plans (PIP) for Ray's True Value-22 Howe Avenue and the Asa Waters Mansion-123 Elm Street. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to approve the PIP for Ray's True Value. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to approve the PIP for the Asa Waters Mansion. This was seconded by Deputy Chief Rudge and carried on a 5-0 vote.

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Asst. Chief Piscitelli drew up a PIP for a fire (other than on the tipping room floor) at Wheelabrator. Board members wanted time to review it and will act on the PIP at a later meeting.

Deputy Chief Rudge will meet with the property manager of 175 West Main Street. He will recommend a Knox Box be installed and will finalize a PIP after the meeting.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Chief Hamilton asked that all raffle tickets for Grafton's canteen truck be returned as soon as possible.
- The Board discussed replacing the lock on the side door at Fire HQ. Asst. Chief Piscitelli suggested using a residential electronic lock because it is a lot less expensive. Board members agreed and Piscitelli will handle installing it.
- The Millbury Lions Club is interested in making a significant donation to the Fire Department. They are looking for a request from the Board. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to ask the Lion's Club for funds to purchase leather boots for all fire department members. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote. A letter will be sent to the Lions Club.
- Asst. Chief Silver will attend an orientation for the next recruit class at the Mass. Firefighting Academy. This is scheduled for 2/16/17. Two recruits from Millbury will be attending.
- Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to pay \$175 for Chief Hamilton to attend one day of the FCAM conference being held in Worcester. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. The conference will be held at the end of February.
- The Board received an invitation to participate in Mendon's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade on 12/2/17. Discussion took place. Board members will check to see if anyone is interested in participating-although Engine 5 wants to return to Uxbridge's Christmas Parade next December.
- The Board discussed the level of Round Pond and the affect it had on the roadway. Deputy Chief Rudge said S & D Spinning is aware of the water issue and the DPW is addressing it. Deputy Chief Rudge asked to be the contact for the project. Board members agreed.
- Board members reviewed a proposal from VFIS to increase the cap on the Length of Service Awards Program to 40-years and to change from individual life insurance policies to a group policy. Discussion took place. Chief Hamilton will bring this proposal to the Town Manager.
- Dave Marciello, new Town Manager, will be invited to meet with the Board on 3/20/17.

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- Millbury Federated Church is installing a new panel that will indicate the site of the alarm. They have also agreed to place a master box on the building.
- Asst. Chief Gasco told the Board that the garages at 28 Wales Street have been sectioned off. The alarm panel does not indicate the location of the alarm. He asked the owners to have the system upgraded and zoned off. Chief Hamilton will follow up.
- Deputy Chief Rudge: asked how the ice training went and how the attendance was. Asst. Chief Gasco said the training went well other than not many attending. He did the morning session and Asst. Chief Silver did the afternoon.
- Asst. Chief Gasco: said the wet suits worked well during the training-no leaks were found.  
--Asst. Chief Gasco left the meeting to respond to a HQ's tone.--
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli: told the Board about a lift assist incident that happened over the weekend. He said the Board should be aware that oxygen is in use at the home and the resident may not be able to be removed quickly in case of fire.
- Asst. Chief Silver: will meet with all recruits next Monday night to go over a few things.
- Recruit Harrington came in to the Board at this time to explain his lack of attendance. He is still interested in joining the department and plans to take the FF1 test again soon.
- Recruit Wysote passed the FF1 written test. He must pass the practical before being appointed as a regular.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Richard P. Hart

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