

# MINUTES

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

Date: June 4, 2018 Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,  
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver  
Absent: None

Minutes from May 21, 2018 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

### 6:00 P.M.-COMPANY OFFICERS MEETING

The following company officers were present for the meeting: Capt. Newlands, Capt. King, Capt. Swenson, Capt. Brock, Lt. Cadrin, Lt. LaVallee, Lt. Siebenhaar, Lt. Kosiba, Lt. King, Lt. Dalton, and Lt. Krumsiek. Items reviewed:

- Asst. Chief Silver completed the National Fire Academy's "Interview & Testimony" course. He graduated first in his class.
- New businesses: Kai Mook-3 Howe Avenue, B Good-mall and Raymour & Flanigan at the mall.
- DJ Wysote and Matt Anderson completed their driver training and can drive any engine company.
- Chief Hamilton and the Fire Marshal's Office are working to correct the sprinkler issue at 34 Main Street. The system has been offline for more than 20-years. The pizza business has a hood system only. The liquor store has nothing. The Board and the Public Safety Building Siting Committee are working together to draw up plans for a new Fire Headquarters. The building will be located at 130 Elm Street-the site of the former McGrath School.
- Pakachoag Acres is constructing a new building at the corner of Millbury Avenue and Oakpond Avenue. The old site will be rehabbed for use by the Police Department.
- United Materials Management, 333A Southwest Cutoff, is in operation. They recycle demolition material. A pre plan is being developed and a tour of the building will be arranged. Lt. King said the hydrant works off Millbury water and not Worcester.
- Windle Industries has proposed a 10,000 sq. ft building at 34 Grafton Street. It will have a sprinkler system.
- Sunrise Detox donated \$1000 to the fire department.
- Engine 2 will change over to 4" hose in July. Station 2's crew will do the change.
- The Board is working on converting Station 3 to natural gas. Eversource will run the gas line to the station within the next two weeks. The Board will seek bids for converting the burner.
- State Senator Moore announced funding was approved for Millbury Police and Millbury Fire. Spare protective clothing will be purchased that can be used when gear is being washed.
- The Department of Fire Services received funding from the State to purchase gear washers and dryers. The Board was not sure how the funds would be distributed. Lt. King said an article was approved at Town Meeting for the Fire Department to purchase one washer and two dryers. Chief Hamilton said the

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Board plans put one washer in each station. The next washer will go to Station 5. If DFS does not provide any, the Board will ask for another next year.

- "Keep 'em clean". One box of cleaning wipes will be distributed to each truck to be used to clean skin/exposed areas after a fire. Separate wipes are on each truck to clean SCBA masks.
- The Millbury Historical Society will host a presentation about the Great Molasses Flood on 6/7/18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion. It is free and open to the public. Chief Hamilton said the "flood" took place in Boston in 1919 when an aboveground tank holding 2 million gallons of molasses burst. Buildings were destroyed and people were killed. The event caused changes in the Fire Codes for aboveground tanks.
- Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli and Asst. Chief Silver all commented on the great job being done by the guys. They said to keep it up. Asst. Chief Silver also asked that everyone keep an eye on the new guys-be sure they are ok. He also reminded the group to be sure to complete any paperwork as soon as possible after each call.
- Chief Hamilton went around the table and asked each officer if they had anything to report/comment: Lt. Krumsiek asked if there was a fix for the microphones. The Board is looking into a cover that will keep water out during an incident. Lt. King reminded everyone to be careful where you park during an incident. The road was blocked during the Elmwood Street fire making it hard to get apparatus to the scene. Personal vehicles should be parked away from the incident. Capt. King asked about the grass at Station 2. He was told the DPW will be cutting it this week and will take care of it from now on. Lt. Kosiba said with the increase in traffic in Town, he felt it would be beneficial for officers to have sirens. When the Board stopped laughing, they said no. Lt. Siebenhaar said the water rescue training went well. He is ready to train other stations. Capt. Newlands said the garage door (Engine 1's bay) needs repair. Ray Peare will be asked to check this. Lt. LaVallee asked what was happening at the end of Riverlin Street. He was told a new solar farm is going in.
- Company officers left at this time.

### **FIRE PREVENTION COORDINATOR & PUBLIC EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

The job descriptions for the Fire Prevention Coordinator and the Public Education Coordinator were reviewed. Chief Hamilton would like to have someone in each position for July 1. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to approve both job description and to appoint each coordinator for July 1, 2018. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. The job descriptions and sign-up sheets will be posted in each station. Anyone interested must respond by June 16, 2018.

### **PRE INCIDENT PLANS**

There was nothing new to report on pre-incident plans.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Scott Wilczynski donated \$250 to the Fire Department to continue to place flags at the site of deceased members. He was impressed with the display

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- when he visited his dad's gravesite. Ed Wilczynski was a member of Station 5.
- Chief Hamilton said the new forestry truck is here. He wants to call this F2 and change the name of the pickup truck. The Board also needs to rename the fire alarm truck. No decision was made.
  - Chief Hamilton reported that Asst. Chief Silver completed the National Fire Academy's Interview & Testimony class held in Emmitsburg, MD. He graduated first in his class. The Board congratulated Bob for his effort.
  - Chief Hamilton took and completed the Fire Prevention Officer II Class. This involved more than 40-hours of classroom and online work/testing. Board members congratulated him for his effort.
  - Chief Hamilton is attending a class at the Mass. Academy called "Know Your Smoke". This will go over the types of smoke and the hazards it contains. A live burn will be done at the end of the class.
  - 15-40 Connection is a non-profit organization that provides a program on detecting cancer. Chief Hamilton would like them to do a presentation for the firefighters. Discussion took place. More information will be obtained before the Board schedules the program.
  - Chief Hamilton told the Board a National Registry has been established for firefighters who have been diagnosed with cancer.
  - Wheelabrator is going to donate \$2500 to the Fire Department. Chief Hamilton would like to purchase cordless lights and cordless tools for each engine and a cordless saw-z-all for Rescue 1. Ray's True Value is willing to provide the items at a good cost.
  - The Public Safety Building Siting Committee would like to move ahead and have plans drawn up for a new Fire HQ building. The current contract with Jacunski/Humes may still be open. Asst. Chief Gasco and Asst. Chief Piscitelli did grade readings at the proposed site. The Board discussed options they would like to see in the new building.
  - The Department of Fire Services is willing to support the Fire Department in their attempts to get the sprinkler system at 34 Main Street back in service. A permit was never pulled to take the system off line in 1996.
  - Chief Hamilton told the Board the Building Inspector classified the new 5-family building going in at 58 West Main as a "fast track building". This means that as long as the developer agrees to comply with all codes and regulations, the foundation could be installed. The Police Chief also renumbered the building as 2 Gould Street because the entrance faces Gould.
  - Asst. Chief Gasco is still gathering information for an ID machine.
  - The Worcester County Sheriff's Office offers a free house numbering program through the Senior Center. House numbers will be provided to



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those needing them at no cost. The application is available on the Senior Center's website. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he ran into this problem on a recent call. He drove past the house and had to turn around because it did not have a number on it. Chief Hamilton said a letter could be sent to the homeowner. Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked that this be done.

- Chief Hamilton had an estimate of \$2790 to provide bell style hats for all members. The Board will address this at a later meeting.
- Deputy Chief Rudge would like to have the transmission on Engine 2 inspected. Chief Hamilton will arrange this.
- Deputy Chief Rudge reported a scratch on Engine 2's bumper. No one knows how or when it happened. It will not be repaired.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked if the DPW will take care of the grass at Station 2 from now on. Chief Hamilton said yes-they were busy getting the cemeteries in shape for Memorial Day, but now have the time.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked that the map and suite numbers for the Mall be updated.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said someone at a recent Grafton fire was using a "Garble Guard". The item is placed over a microphone and to keep water out. The cost is \$25 each. More information will be obtained.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked about a radio being used by the Sutton Fire Chief. He was told it is not a public service radio and has not been tested yet.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said his bunker coat has a tear. He would like new gear (or at least a new jacket). Chief Hamilton said the Town is getting State funds for gear. Using this and the FY19 budget, Asst. Chief Gasco should get a full set of gear.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked that a letter be sent to 5 Wheelock Avenue informing them of the need to put a number on their home.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked about repairing the air horn on Engine 5. This will be done after July 1.
- Asst. Chief Silver asked about purchasing NFPA 921. This will be done after July 1.
- Asst. Chief Silver was invited to attend an advanced fire investigation class offered by the A.T.F. This will not be held until the Spring.
- FF. Matt Anderson and FF. DJ Wysote both passed their driver training. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to approve them to drive any engine company. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. All captains will be notified.

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Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 20:15.

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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk

