

# MINUTES

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

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Date: June 18, 2018 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Present: Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli,  
Absent: Deputy Chief Rudge (vacation), Asst. Chief Silver (working)

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Minutes from June 4, 2018 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

### 7:00 P.M.-KOLLEEN JAILLERT-AMERICAN RED CROSS

Kolleen and William Jaillert met with the Board to go over the *Home Fire Preparedness Campaign* offered by the American Red Cross. This nationwide program provides and installs three smoke detectors and one carbon monoxide detector in residences that need them. A presentation on fire prevention and hazard preparedness is also given. The program has been approved by the Dept. of Fire Services. The Red Cross also offers a "pillowcase" program. Disney provides pillowcases that are distributed to students in grades 3 to 5. "Valuables" such as clothes, toys, water, etc. can be placed in the pillowcase for easy carrying in case of emergency. Discussion took place. The Board agreed to move forward with the smoke detector program. Asst. Chief Silver will work with the Red Cross to arrange a date. The Board thanked the couple for meeting with them.

### FIRE PREVENTION COORDINATOR & PUBLIC EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Capt. Keith Newlands was the only applicant for the Fire Prevention Coordinator position. Asst. Chief Silver and FF. Donald Lizotte applied for the Public Education Coordinator position. The Board agreed to hold appointments until the next meeting.

### PRE INCIDENT PLANS

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

### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton informed the Board a sewer line is being installed along Rt. 20 near the Upper Blackstone. The line will be hung in a tunnel underneath the bridge causing concern for a confined space emergency. The bridge is located in Millbury and work will continue into November. Chief Hamilton met with company officials and Worcester Fire to devise a plan to address any emergency in the area. A finalized plan will be distributed to all parties. Blasting is also being done in this area, which may cause traffic delays. A police detail will be present.
- The Board discussed the propane grill fire that happened on Ashton Lane. Chief Hamilton will meet with the Brierly II Condo Association this week to

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go over regulations for propane grills. The Association is looking into natural gas grills as an alternative.

- The Board decided on a summer schedule and will meet on 7/2/18, 8/13/18, and 9/10/18. They will return to a regular schedule in October.
- Chief Hamilton and Deputy Chief Rudge will be on vacation the third week of July. Asst. Chief Gasco will be on vacation the second week of July. Asst. Chief Piscitelli will be on vacation from 7/30 to 8/12/18. Chief Hamilton will check with Asst. Chief Silver for his vacation time.
- FF. Neal Morrissey requested a one-year leave of absence because he is attending graduate school. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to give Neal Morrissey a six-month leave of absence beginning 6/18/18. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 3-0 vote.
- Engine 4 has a power steering issue. This will be addressed as soon as possible.
- Chief Hamilton gave the following Apparatus Report based on PM sheets from June 4, 2018:
  - Engine 1: light bar center lights out
  - Tower 1: left rear compartment shelf needs additional brackets
  - Rescue 1: fittings for hydraulic system leaking
  - Engine 2: driver's side quartz light out, trash line valve leaks
  - Engine 4: discharge 33 does not shut completely, driver's side rear strobe out, driver's side front strobe out, left 4" LDH gauge does not work, rust & paint issues
  - Hose 1: driver's side rear spot light out, fuel gauge not working
  - Engine 3: compartment lights out
  - Forestry 1: light bar lights out
  - Engine 5: passenger side panel lights out, passenger air horn out, 10-volt outlet needs to be replaced, remote generator start not working
  - Misc.: 6/13/18 inspection sticker on Engine 2; 6/14/18 Town Mechanic replaced direction switch in pick-up truck
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked if Brian Humes would look at 130 Elm Street as a site for a new fire station. Chief Hamilton said Mr. Humes will look at the building this week. In addition, there is an outstanding bill for the architect that is being looked into. The Town Manager said this means the contract is still "open". The finance director disagrees and said the Committee must solicit new bids.
- Asst. Chief Gasco placed a new key in the Knox Box at the Cinema at the Mall. The key provides access to every door in the building.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he found a car parked on the apron at Station 5 last week. He went into Rocco's Donuts to have the owner move the vehicle immediately. Chief Hamilton will speak to the shop's owner to better police the parking situation.

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Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 20:00.

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Brian W. Brown

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