

# MINUTES

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

Date: August 13, 2018 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,  
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver  
Absent: None

Minutes from June 18 and July 2, 2018 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

### PRE INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton let the Board know that FF. Lizotte and Recruit Robbins cleaned and cleared the repeater site at Butler Farm and painted the shed. Chief Hamilton said they did a great job. Asst. Chief Piscitelli will look into replacing the door on the shed. Deputy Chief Rudge is in the process of repairing the site's generator. Fresh batteries were installed in the repeater system as well.
- On 8/10/18, Recruit Aaron Cluett notified Chief Hamilton that he will be resigning from the Fire Department. Chief Hamilton asked him to submit something in writing.
- Board members reviewed the progress report for Recruit Langevin. He is doing very well in the recruit training program.
- Asst. Chief Silver will check to see if Otto Medina returned his uniform and pager.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli will check to see if FF. Morrissey turned in all his gear and equipment.
- Deputy Chief Rudge will check with Nick Rinaldo about returning his pager, flashlight, and uniform.
- Wheelabrator is going to donate \$2500 to the Fire Department. Chief Hamilton prepared a list of confined space rescue equipment he would like to purchase with the funds. Board members reviewed & approved the list.
- Chief Hamilton said there have been numerous problems with the fire alarm system at CareOne. Simplex has been called in to check it.
- Lt. Siebenhaar and FF. Gasco worked on the fire alarm system over the weekend. FF. Gasco is an electrician and is interested in learning the system. They want to bury the alarm wire at the Shaw School. Chief Hamilton will contact Rick Bedard about this. Deputy Chief Rudge said he could supply a backhoe for the project.
- The sewer installation project along Rt. 20 is almost complete. The Board also discussed the location of a hydrant on Rt. 20 that could be used for incidents along the railroad tracks.

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- Don Rudge, EHS Manager at Wheelabrator, met with Chief Hamilton to go over a hot works permit. Wheelabrator already has an in-house system to track any cutting/welding work done in the building. The information is readily available if needed. It was agreed that an annual permit will be issued to the company with an annual inspection needed for renewal.
- The manager of the Asa Waters Mansion has proposed a haunted house at the former McGrath School for the Halloween season. Chief Hamilton and Paul Stringham (Building Inspector) inspected the building and approved the proposal.
- Engine 1 will go to S.V.I. tomorrow for a water leak problem, an issue with a window regulator, and to have a new tank gauge installed. The truck will be out of service for the week.
- Susan Hamilton made mourning badge covers for the newer members of the department. Board members will distribute them and a "thank you" will be sent to Mrs. Hamilton.
- Chief Hamilton told the Board that Eversource missed the opportunity to install the gas line at Station 3. The State paved the road before the installation could be done. Eversource is trying to negotiate with the State to dig up the road. Board members discussed running the line on private property to a side street. For now, oil will continue to be used.
- Chief Hamilton was told that the State approved funds to purchase turn out gear. He prepared a list of those who need gear and would like to purchase Lakeland. Board members agreed. Fittings will be done next Monday- nothing will be ordered until the funds are received.
- The Board was informed that FF. Chris Bruinsma completed driver training. He did pump training last year. FF. Bruinsma is authorized to drive any engine company. Captains will be notified.
- Chief Hamilton received plans for a cannabis growth facility proposed for Latti Farm Road. A hearing will be held in September. Chief Hamilton will look into the regulations for this type of facility. Chief Hamilton reported the permit for the cannabis facility being built on Main Street was amended to include recreational as well as medical marijuana.
- Lt. Cadrin asked to have 50 more feet added to the line for the mattydale. Board members discussed this. They agreed it was a good idea and should be done for each engine company. Chief Hamilton will place the order.
- After the recent drowning at Dorothy Pond, Chief Hamilton asked if personal flotation devices (PFD's) should be placed on Engine 2 & Engine 5. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco questioned if the guys would take this as permission to enter the water without a wet suit. Deputy Chief Rudge said it was extra protection because we know they are going to go in (the water) regardless. He felt PDF's should be on the trucks. Asst. Chief Gasco asked if the wet suits should be replaced and if additional wet suits

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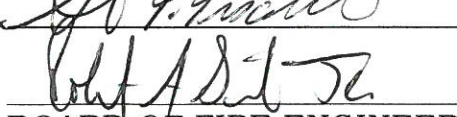
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should be purchased for the two trucks. Chief Hamilton will get prices for both items.

- The Public Safety Siting Committee will meet on 8/16/18 to review RFQ's for preliminary building plans. A report from Brian Humes should be available for the meeting.
- There was nothing new to report on the ID machine.
- Deputy Chief Rudge invited all Board members to attend Station 2's annual party on 8/18/18 at 1:00 p.m. HQ's will cover the district until midnight.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked for a new nozzle for the trash line on Engine 2. Chief Hamilton said he plans to put an Article on the Warrant for the next Town Meeting to replace all nozzles. Deputy Chief Rudge said Engine 2 should have one now. Discussion took place. The Board agreed a nozzle should be purchased for each Ferrara truck (3). Deputy Chief Rudge made this a motion. It was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Chief Hamilton will place the order.
- Chief Hamilton wants to look for another repeater site-possibly Park Hill Avenue. Deputy Chief Rudge suggested using Ballard Mack. Chief Hamilton will check on this.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said we need gloves. Chief Hamilton ordered two pairs that were given out. He suggested trying Lakeland. A pair can be brought in when the fittings are done next Monday.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the door regulator on Engine 5 needs to be replaced. The Board agreed to have Josh Piscitelli replace it now.
- Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to purchase a copy of NFPA 921 Fire & Explosion Investigation at a cost of \$102.50. This was seconded by Deputy Chief Rudge and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Silver said the smoke detectors being provided by the American Red Cross will be installed on 9/29/18. Only four people have applied for the free detectors so far. A notice will be placed in the Chronicle as well.
- Chief Hamilton ordered two supersized hoods for Jeff Kosiba and Nick Langevin. Paul Kosiba still needs one.

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

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