

# MINUTES

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

Date: August 18, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,  
Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli  
Absent: None

Minutes from July 21, 2014 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

### **6:45 P.M.-FF. CHRIS PAGEAU-ATTENDANCE**

FF. Chris Pageau met with the Board. He said his low attendance was due to his work and school schedule. He requested a leave of absence. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to give FF. Pageau a six-month leave of absence effective 8/19/14 and to review his status at the end of the leave. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Capt. Newlands will be notified and FF. Pageau will turn in all equipment tomorrow. This will be reissued when he returns to active duty.

### **7:00 P.M.-FF. CHRIS DALTON-ATTENDANCE**

FF. Chris Dalton met with the Board; Capt. Silver was in attendance. FF. Dalton said his low attendance was due to his work schedule and extra training he is doing. FF. Dalton said he is still interested in the fire department and expects his attendance to improve. Board members asked him to make an effort to increase his attendance which will be reviewed at the end of the next quarter.

### **7:15 P.M.-FF. PETER BALKUS-ATTENDANCE**

FF. Balkus met with the Board. He said he has been traveling for work and had a lot going on in his personal life. Board members told him that those with zero attendance will no longer receive credit under the LOSAP. FF. Balkus said he is still interested in the fire department and expects his attendance to improve. After he left, Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to reappoint Peter Balkus as a member of the Millbury Fire Department retroactive to July 1, 2014. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **S.O.G.-RAPID DEPLOYMENT CRAFT**

This was tabled to a later meeting

### **SCBA--EVALUATIONS**

Chief Rudge distributed the evaluations of the SCBA's done by Millbury firefighters. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco suggested having each vendor present their product again. Board members agreed and Asst. Chief Gasco will arrange this for September 3, 2014. A meeting will be posted with a start time of 6:00 p.m. Each vendor will get an hour to present their pack and answer questions the Board may have.

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### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Rudge submitted the following truck repair report based on P.M.'s done on 8/4/14:
  - Engine 1: strobe light out in light bar (left side), rear passenger strobe out, driver's side rear work light under step is out.
  - Rescue 1: truck is all set at this time.
  - Tower 1: truck is all set at this time.
  - Engine 2: right front strobe out, left quartz light out, headlights are out of adjustment, rear compartments have rust spots.
  - Engine 4: rear compartments showing rust, passenger step as well, one SCBA needs regulator repaired.
  - Hose 1: light bar has bad ground.
  - Engine 3: no report submitted.
  - Forestry 1: no report submitted.
  - Engine 5: numerous strobe lights out, generator fuel tank leaks, deck gun control handle broken, cab mounts are cracked.
- Engine 5 will go to Dorenzo's to have the generator repaired. The gated wye on Engine 5 was replaced. The deck gun handle for the truck needs to be ordered from Ferrara. Engine 4 still needs to be serviced/p.m. Asst. Chief Hamilton will see if parts are available to repair the SCBA. He will also order lights for the trucks.
- Chief Rudge said the Public Safety Committee is waiting for Mr. Spain to appoint a new member. The Committee then needs to reorganize and appoint a new chair.
- Josh Piscitelli will be contacted to repair the body damage on Tower 1.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will arrange to have Tower 1 and Rescue 1 serviced at Minuteman.
- Representatives from VFIS will meet with the Board on 9/10/14 at 6:00 p.m. to review the LOSAP.
- All reimbursements for District 7 tech rescue training have been received.
- Asst. Chief Gasco spoke to Linda Gosselin about a new battery for the AED. She will order one for us.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will look into AED's available from Philips at a reduced cost. The company may be willing to donate one.
- Chief Rudge said the Dept. of Fire Services was pleased with the plans for the apartment complex proposed for Howe Avenue. Chief Rudge requested additional hydrants with a looped system. He is considering a strobe for each building with a master box located in the main office of the complex. A fully addressable system will also be required. A fire lane will be located around the entire development. The main issue will be parking and the number of vehicles on site. Chief Rudge said the project is still in the early stages. He will keep the Board updated.
- The Dept. of Fire Services has revised the fire codes (527 CMR) to incorporate NFPA 1. The effective date will be 1/1/15. Two-day classes

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are being held throughout the state to familiarize fire departments with the changes and modifications. The Board would like as many inspectors to attend as possible. Asst. Chiefs Hamilton and Gasco will attend the classes being held in Worcester on 10/27 & 10/28. They may provide training for those who cannot attend.

- Asst. Chief Hamilton:

- ~ The next District 7 meeting will be held in September.
- ~ Gear he ordered for the newly appointed members has been received.
- ~ He is still working on the Smoke Detector Program with Judy O'Connor.
- ~ Haligans for Tower 1 and Rescue 1 have been received and will be placed on the trucks tonight.
- ~ A portable radio for the new boat still needs to be provided.

- Asst. Chief Hobin:

- ~ The drafting issue with Engine 3 is all set. At one time, the crew was told to use anti-freeze in the pump primer. They are now using oil and the truck has been drafting properly.
- ~ He is trying to arrange haz-mat training for the department through DFS. Certification for "operations" level requires attending a four-day course.
- ~ Dave Matson has not called back to have his picture taken.
- ~ He is waiting to hear from Lt. Desorcy to reschedule the driver training class for the entire department.
- ~ The missing SCBA from Engine 3 was found at Fire HQ.

- Asst. Chief Gasco

- ~ The heater for the ambulance building will be installed tomorrow. The insulation will be done after that.
- ~ He is still working with the motor for the new boat. He needs to take it out on the water again.
- ~ Fire HQ received the 4-cycle gas. More will be ordered for the other stations.
- ~ The Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) for Fox Bus needs to be revised. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco will draw up an SOG for the Board to review.

- Asst. Chief Piscitelli

- ~ He is following up with Fontaine Masonry to get the netting installed at Fire HQ.
- ~ Engine 5 tested and flagged the hydrant on the Mass. Pike. The cover was hard to remove, but the hydrant does function.

- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase new gear for Michael Couture, Chris Day, and Mark C. Strom. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

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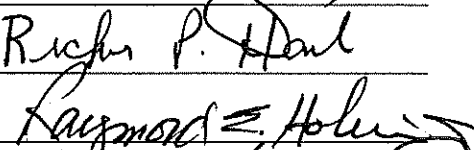
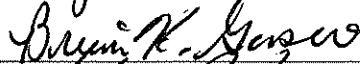
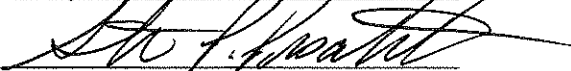
- Seventeen flashlights are needed to outfit the rest of the firefighters. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase ten flashlights. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. The Board would like to purchase the rest before the end of the fiscal year.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said the repeater site at the Butler Farm is overgrown. A maintenance program needs to be put in place to keep the path and fenced area cleared. Sign-up sheets will be sent to all stations so a paid detail can be done on a weekend in September. Asst. Chief Gasco will oversee it. Asst. Chief Hamilton said the DPW is interested in locating their repeater at the Butler Farm. Chief Rudge said DPW has not approached him yet. Asst. Chief Gasco suggested having the DPW maintain the area in the future. This brought about discussion of the location of the Bark Park at the Butler Farm. The Board wants to assure clear access to the repeater site. Chief Rudge will check with Laurie Connors.
- The Board agreed with Asst. Chief Hamilton's request to hold the annual Open House on October 8 at Fire HQ from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Papa Gino's has agreed to provide free pizza for the event.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton read a book about self-rescue and Rapid Intervention Training (RIT). He found it very informative and would like to incorporate it into Millbury's RIT training. Asst. Chief Hobin suggested Capt. Silver review the material. Asst. Chief Hamilton said Capt. Silver is familiar with the author and would like to use the material as well. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase two manuals at a cost of \$70 each and incorporate the information into Millbury's RIT training. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Hobin asked if the hydrogen cyanide sensor could be ordered now. He then made a motion to purchase the sensor and have it installed in the meter on Rescue 1. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Gasco will handle ordering and having the sensor installed.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton would like to eliminate toning Rescue 1 for gas calls between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. since all engines have a gas detector. He made a motion to tone the nearest engine company for gas calls between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. The Dispatcher Manual will be updated and a notice sent to the dispatchers.
- Asst. Chief Gasco brought up the numerous calls to remove/restore the master box at the Carpenter's School while renovations are being done. He said Asst. Chief Hamilton had an arrangement where the Carpenter's School called in the morning to have the box taken off line and then he would return in the afternoon to put it back in service without the Carpenter's School having to call dispatch. This resulted in the box

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remaining off line overnight when Asst. Chief Hamilton was on vacation. Asst. Chief Gasco also said that one company testing systems at the mall was going to call three separate times for the buildings he was testing. He asked if companies can call the day before to have boxes taken off line. Chief Rudge said they can call the day before, but the company is responsible for notifying the person in charge at each building when the system is off line.

- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said Brian Day is waiting for a picture ID. Asst. Chief Gasco arrange to finish the few that are left.

Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
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Regina A. Markey, Clerk