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

Date: January 23, 2012
Present: Chief Belsito, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Dore,
Asst. Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton
Absent: None

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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Minutes from January 5 and January 9 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were available.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Belsito told the Board the FY13 budget was submitted last week. It was level-funded except for the additional stipend to maintain the Engineer's office. Capital Outlay items included: paving at Station 5, repairs to the front door at Station 2, and modifications at Station 2 to accommodate the hose truck. Chief Belsito is getting estimates for this. Asst. Chief Rudge commented that he would be opposed to opening up the hose tower Station 2. Asst. Chief Dore would like to include replacing the front window at Station 3 to the list. He is getting estimates for this.
- Chief Belsito informed the Board that the Cable Advisory Committee agreed to purchase a camera for the new rescue truck. The item will mount on the light tower, rotate 360', and include a remote control, digital recorder, and flat screen TV. The Board appreciates the donation and will thank the Committee.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton needs sizes before he can order any gear. Tom Krumsiek returned his gear and it was given to FF. Breault. FF. Mitchell needs new pants.
- FF. Arcouette will meet with Chief Belsito tomorrow. Arcouette does plan to stay on the Fire Department.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board the Explorer Post is doing CPR training tomorrow night. The Post reorganized with 15-members signing up. The Post is waiting for responses from ten more before a final count is determined.
- A meeting of the Building Study Committee will be scheduled soon.
- Jim Budzyna will finish the work on the heavy rescue this week. The antenna at Station 2 will be done after that.
- There was no news on the FEMA Grant or MCVFA Grant.
- The siding material for Station 5 was purchased from C & S Lumber and delivered to the Carpenter's Training School. The work should start soon.
- The cell tower at Butler Farm should be installed soon. The Town is waiting for subscribers.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton met with the architect to inspect the walls at Fire HQ. A dramatic difference was found from the inspection done in 2009.

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- The walls are bowed even more, causing mortar to fall off. The architect was not concerned with the bricks falling-although Board members were. Asst. Chief Dore thought the Scope could be used to clear off the loose mortar. This will be done soon.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested using the balance of the capital outlay funds to replace the window at Station 3 so the project can be done this fiscal year. A decision will be made once the Board receives an estimate.
 - Asst. Chief Dore will do a fire prevention program at the Senior Center on January 25. He will use props from the Dept. of Fire Services dealing with stove fires. Dore will speak with Janet Cassidy to do the same presentation at 95 Elm Street.
 - Asst. Chief Dore spoke with the manager at Ray's True Value. He may be able to swap the "AA" batteries that were donated for 9-volt batteries.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton spoke with the tree warden about the trees at Station 3. The warden asked that the area be cleaned before he does any removal. Brush and other debris are on site. Asst. Chief Dore felt this came from neighboring trees that came down during the October storm.
 - Gordon Siebenhaar will be asked to repair the guide wire for Station 3's pre-emptor. Asst. Chief Dore is trying to locate a key for the pre-emptor.
 - A cordless drill for the fire alarm truck still needs to be purchased.
 - The truck packings still need to be adjusted.
 - Station 3's chimney will be repaired when the weather allows.
 - The window at Fire HQ still needs to be repaired.
 - The wiring and light on the pole in front of HQ still need to be repaired.
 - There was no update on the Sewer Dept. hydrant.
 - Ethics training will be done at the High School computer lab on February 6 & 13.
 - The Board discussed the new building (church) proposed for 71 McCracken Road. The building will be 9000-sq. ft. which would require a sprinkler system if water was available in the area. Due to the lack of water and because it is a place of assembly, Chief Belsito will require a 30,000-gallon cistern to be installed to aid firefighting. Discussion took place. Board members agreed a cistern should be required.
 - Chief Belsito read the following truck maintenance report:
 - Engine 1: Left rear window goes off the track. Gated "y" needs to be rebuilt. Crack under cab needs to be welded.
 - Scope 1: All set
 - Rescue 1: All set
 - Hose 1: A cracked coolant hose (small, green-striped, driver's side) needs replacing, oil leak at oil filter return line- engine side.
 - Engine 2: On spot problem.
 - Engine 4: Front two strobes keep shutting off.

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- Engine 3: Check all lights. On-spots not working. Rear discharge leaks. Foam "B" light out.
- Forestry 1: Back-up alarm hanging by wire. Reverse light out. Siren turns on when wipers are shut off. Washer fluid flows when wipers are on.
- Engine 5: Right front corner strobe is out. Power steering box is leaking.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will contact Ballard Mack about the power steering box on Engine 5.
 - Asst. Chief Dore questioned the invoice from Minuteman for the installation of strip lights on Rescue 1. Dore thought the amount was excessive. Asst. Chief Hamilton agreed. Chief Belsito said he checked with Minuteman and they will not adjust the bill. Chief Belsito agreed the cost was excessive, but he did not think it would cost that much when the lights were ordered. Board members agreed to get an estimate first for future work.
 - Asst. Chief Rudge told the Board that Station 2's Fishing Derby has been postponed to February 19 due to poor ice conditions.
 - Chief Belsito asked Asst. Chief Rudge if he could check the level of Lake Singletary. The level is so low that the pipe for the dry hydrant is out of the water and cannot be used. Rudge said he would check tomorrow. Sutton Fire will be notified of the situation as well.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board that he has someone who is willing to make a donation to the Fire Department to purchase a command board. Specifically, Dorothy Kopchik is willing to make a donation and her employer (Pfizer) will make a matching donation. Mrs. Kopchik is Asst. Chief Hamilton's sister. Board members appreciated the generous offer. Asst. Chief Day made a motion to purchase a command board. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Dore and carried on a 5-0 vote. A thank you will be sent to Mrs. Kopchik for her donation and thoughtfulness.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton reported that his wife, Susan, made a badge cover for every member of the fire department. Mrs. Hamilton placed a badge cover in individual envelopes and labeled them for each member. At the funeral services for Worcester FF. Davies, black tape was used because there were no covers available. The Board was grateful for Mrs. Hamilton's donation and will thank her for her efforts and the care that went into the project.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton reported that Recruit Pageau will start District 7 training on January 24, 2012. Pageau had to change his work schedule to take the course and will not be available on Monday nights until the classes are finished.
 - FF. Mike Couture will be asked to turn in his old uniform.

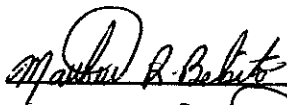
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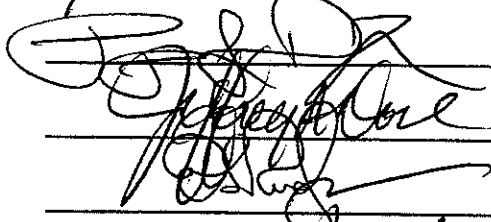
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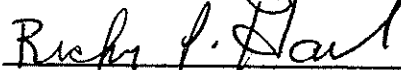
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Asst. Chief Day made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.









Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk