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

Date: February 4, 2013 Time: 6:30 p.m.
Present: Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,
Asst. Chief Gasco
Absent: Chief Rudge

Minutes from January 7, 2013 were not available. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Chief Rudge was recovering from foot surgery. In his absence, Asst. Chief Day conducted the meeting.

6:45 P.M.-INTERVIEW- ROBERT GASCO

Robert Gasco met with the Board to review his application for membership. Asst. Chief Gasco left the meeting while the interview was conducted since this is his nephew. Asst. Chief Day explained what was required. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Robert Gasco as a recruit-in-training pending a successful physical exam, drug screening, physical ability test, and CORI report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 3-0 vote. Mr. Gasco will be assigned to Fire HQ. Asst. Chief Gasco returned to the meeting.

7:00 P.M.-INTERVIEW-NEIL BELHUMEUR

Neil Belhumeur met with the Board to review his application for membership. Mr. Belhumeur was a member of Auburn Fire and has completed District 7 and taken a physical ability test. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Neil Belhumeur as a recruit-in-training pending a successful physical exam, drug screening, and CORI report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote. Mr. Belhumeur will be assigned to Fire HQ.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- The Public Safety Sighting Committee will be disbanded and new appointments made at the next Selectmen's meeting. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to submit Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hobin, Capt. King, and Capt. Piscitelli as the Fire Department's representatives. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to approve the following as drivers on Tower 1: Adam Roy, Keith Lacrosse, and Stephen Brock. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote.

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- Charlton Fire is not interested in using the Aerialscope. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to turn over the Aerialscope to the Board of Selectmen for disposal or sale. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote. Information on the two towns interested in purchasing the truck will be forwarded to the Selectmen as well.
- Rescue 1 is back from Minuteman. All work was warranted. They replaced the swivels on the reels, repainted the cabinet and replaced a sight glass at the hydraulic tank. The Fire Dept. needs to check fluid compatibility.
- Wheelabrator provided a check made payable to BBC Rescue for the confined space equipment. Asst. Chief Gasco will order the items.
- Board members reviewed a letter sent to Joseph Driscoll ordering the removal of all flammable materials requiring a permit from 206 West Main Street.
- Board members reviewed miscellaneous truck repair information.
- Asst. Chief Day will file for a court hearing for 33 Sutton Road since the fine for illegal burning was not paid.
- Asst. Chief Hobin ordered RIT gear for Engine 2.
- The generator at Fire HQ still needs to be converted.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Tom Lavallee as a certified driving instructor as long as VFIS recognizes the certificate he received from the National Safety Council for driver training. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- The fire department ID's are on hold. Sutton Fire has a machine on order. If we do not receive the ones from Grafton, Sutton will make ours.
- Engine 3 was taken out of service due to a brake issue.
- Chief Rudge emailed the following truck maintenance information:
 - Engine 1: right rear bumper strobe out, left side telescoping light not working, cracks in weld under cab, tow bar bent.
 - Tower 1: ok
 - Rescue 1: requesting one more window punch, radio 102 missing, spare pack out of service-needs pass device
 - Engine 2: water leak at tank to pump pipe, trash pump valve leaks, needs windshield washer fluid
 - Engine 4: rear discharge chute rotted, 4" relief valve right side leaking, right side step needs repair, right side wheel wells rotting through
 - Hose 1: right side work light out
 - Engine 3: right front brake locking up, left side door doesn't always close, alley light out on left side light bar, rear work light out, foam tank B gauge light out, spare SCBA pack out of service, air horns not working, front chock block holder bent
 - Forestry 1: ok

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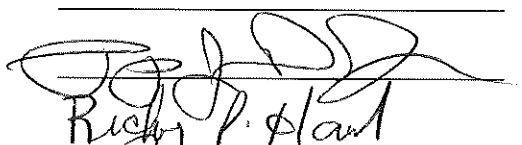
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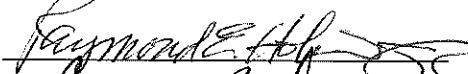
- Engine 5: no report submitted.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton reported Logan Gasco completed the Eagle Scout project to rehab the new officers' room at Fire HQ.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton reported the repeater site batteries went dead and the emergency generator had to be used. The system is back to normal. The Board should consider replacing the batteries before next winter. Asst. Chief Hamilton will check on the cost of replacing them.
- Asst. Chief Hobin had a list of concerns regarding the fire at 206 West Main Street. He had questions on the use of social media and posting of pictures during a fire. He will look into social media policies used by other fire departments.


The Board took a brief break to honor former firefighters Marc Auclair and Peter Bouthillette for their years of service. Fire HQ's held the event upstairs and gave both men a plaque.

- Edd Cote asked to take the CPR/First Responder training when done by the firefighters. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to allow Edd Cote to take the class with the fire department. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 4-0 vote.

Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.


Richard P. Hamilton


Raymond E. Hobin


Brian H. Gasco
