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

Date: February 22, 2016 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Minutes from 2/1/16 were approved. Invoices were signed. Account balances were reviewed. Mail was read.

6:45 P.M.- INTERVIEW-JOSEPH BAUMANN

Joseph Baumann met with the Board to review his application for membership. Mr. Baumann was a member of Grafton Fire until moving to Millbury. He received his FF I/II certification in New Hampshire. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to appoint Mr. Baumann as a recruit in training pending a physical exam, drug screening, C.O.R.I. report and any training the Board deems necessary. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Mr. Baumann will be assigned to Fire HQ.

S.O.G # 9 Front Trash Line & S.O.G. #10 Carbon Monoxide Calls

Board members reviewed the changes to the Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) for the use of the front trash line. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to accept the SOG as changed. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Board members reviewed the changes to SOG #10. Chief Hamilton suggested including activation of smoke detectors where there is no sign of smoke/fire. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to accept the SOG with the changes and to rename it *Detector Activation Response*. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote. Dispatchers will be notified that for smoke detectors sounding in single or two-family residences with no reported fire/smoke or for carbon monoxide detectors sounding in any building, they are to tone as follows:

Monday through Friday 6 am – 6 pm: an all call will be toned. The district engine company will respond and all others will hold in quarters unless directed to do otherwise by the officer in charge.

At all other times: only the district engine company will be toned.

RAMSHORN DAM PROJECT

The Town opened bids for repairs to the Ramshorn Dam. The dry hydrant will also be replaced. It was agreed that the construction of the dry hydrant will be subject to Fire Department approval. Chief Hamilton was told the causeway will be closed for several months limiting access to the hydrant. Discussion took place. District 7's Tanker Strike Team may be activated for a working structure

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fire in this area. Chief Hamilton will draw up a pre incident plan for the Board to review.

TURNOUT GEAR POLICY

Chief Hamilton suggested the Board draw up a policy for the care of turnout gear. A recent *Smoke Showin* article outlined the link between a firefighter's dirty gear and cancer. Asst. Chief Piscitelli will write up a policy for the Board to review.

PRE-INCIDENT PLANS

The Board reviewed a pre incident plan (PIP) for Print Guard drawn up by Asst. Chief Silver. It will be changed to include the solar farm at this location. Asst. Chief Silver will also check on the yard hydrant. The PIP will be reviewed again.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton told the Board Recruit Harrington was dismissed from the recruit training class. Discussion took place. Chief Hamilton had information on the FFI test offered by the Mass. Firefighting Academy. It is shorter than the FFI/II and focuses more on firefighting basics. Board members agreed this could be an option for those who do not pass the recruit class. The Board will approve taking this test on a case-by-case basis. Millbury's standard practice will continue to be that the recruit must take and pass the Mass. Academy's recruit training class.
- Scott Gully was appointed in September as a recruit in training. He has not returned since. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to rescind his appointment as a recruit. This was seconded by Deputy Chief Rudge and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- The next recruit training class offered by the Mass. Academy will be held in July 2016. Asst. Chief Silver will contact all recruits to get paperwork in before the deadline.
- RIT pack training is being done tonight. After that, the packs will be placed on each engine.
- Chief Hamilton provided the following truck maintenance report:
 - Engine 1: wye at pump leaking, left rear step light out, hose bed cover does not stay attached.
 - Tower 1: All set
 - Rescue 1: All set
 - Engine 2: At SVI for plumbing repair and light upgrade
 - Engine 4: All set
 - Hose 1: All set
 - Engine 3: truck generator out of service, top rear strobe not working, roof split open under lightbar (in process of repair)
 - Forestry 1: All set
 - Engine 5: rightside lightbar rotator, 4 strobes burned out
 - February 2016: Pete's Tire Barn replaced valve stem in RF tire on Engine 2, Josh Piscitelli replaced front bumper warning lights on F1, Drenzo's replaced air

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governor on Engine 1, 4 new batteries installed in Engine 4, and Engine 2 went to SVI for repairs.

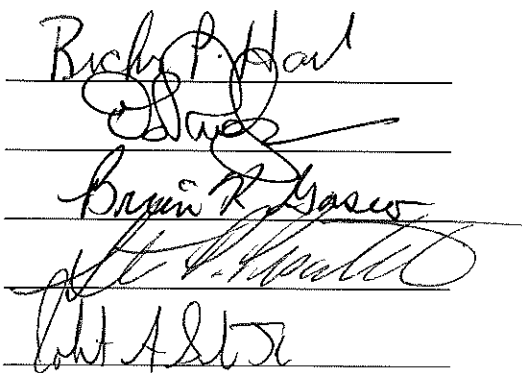
Asst. Chief Silver will have Engine 3's generator checked. Eight housings on Engine 2 need to be replaced to accommodate the LED lights. Old bulbs will be used on the other trucks until they are converted. Chief Hamilton ordered a rotator for Engine 5.

- Chief Hamilton told the Board there are five sets of turnout gear available for use. This brought about discussion of the motion made at a previous meeting to purchase a set of gear for Steven Kosiba. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to rescind the motion to purchase gear for Steven Kosiba. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. The gear was no longer necessary since a set was found for Fran Harrington.
- Chief Hamilton informed the Board that Clive Papineau passed away at the age of 90. Mr. Papineau served as Southern Worcester County District Fire Warden for more than 20-years.
- The next District 7 meeting will be on 2/25/16 in Charlton. Chief Hamilton reported District 7 received a grant to do Swift Water Rescue in August/September.
- Chief Hamilton attended one day of the FCAM conference. He said it was informative and he met the new rep for Pierce.
- Lori Connors, Town Planner, is leaving. Her last day will be 2/29/16.
- The plans for Wide World of Sports are on hold since a neighbor filed an appeal to the project.
- Chief Hamilton received a call from the Uxbridge fire chief reporting a kerosene heater being used in Uxbridge was purchased from Tractor Supply in Millbury. The heaters are illegal. Chief Hamilton went to Tractor Supply and found they don't sell them. Upon further investigation, it was determined the heater was purchased from Koopman's in Northbridge. The Fire Marshal's Office advised them to stop the sale of the heaters.
- The Town Manager will present his budget on March 3. The Fire Dept. is set to meet with Finance Committee on March 5 to review their budget.
- The house at 125 Wheelock Avenue is vacant and has been boarded up. The electricity has been turned off as well.
- The owner of 20 Rhodes Street was fined and issued a Cease & Desist for doing work without a permit. The work was discovered during a recent fire call at the location and it was reported to the Building Inspector.
- CPR/First Responder training is scheduled for March 14 & April 4 at the High School.
- Chief Hamilton asked Asst. Chief Piscitelli to update the pre incident plan for Wheelabrator.
- Asst. Chief Silver will contact Jeff Dore to set dates for Senior Safe presentations. Also, the third grade is completing a test that will help to show the effectiveness of the Fire Department's SAFE program. Results will be reported to the Fire Marshal's Office.

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- Deputy Chief Rudge: will be out of town from 3/1 through 3/6.
He reported Steve Daly is working on an updated layout of the Bramanville Industrial Park.
He asked about the lights (ABS etc.) on Tower 1 coming on again. He said it did not affect the truck's performance. Chief Hamilton will check on this.
Suggested the ring gear on Station 2's generator was not replaced. Chief Hamilton will look into this and contact Bigelow.
- Asst. Chief Gasco: asked about the radios for Grafton. He was told they are being worked on.
Asked for a pair of gloves for FF. Coppola. A pair will be provided
Stated Station 2 should be commended-they have all been wearing their gear.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli: will order the windows for Station 2.
Told the Board that Wheelabrator personnel did a good job at the recent fire. There was someone by his side at all times-this was helpful.
- Asst. Chief Silver: told the Board there was good attendance at yesterday's Basic Animal Rescue Training.
He checked with North Brookfield about their training tower. He was told live burn training is only done in the vertical tower. He would like to visit the site; Asst. Chief Gasco would like to go as well.
- Chief Hamilton told the Board a class presented at the FCAM conference was titled "Transitional Fire Attack & Flow Path". He felt this was a good class that outlined "outside attack" and "door control". The methods seemed to be very effective. Chief Hamilton felt the Board should review the training and consider this approach.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


The block contains four handwritten signatures, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures appear to be: 1. A signature that looks like 'Richy P. Hall'. 2. A signature that looks like 'Steve'. 3. A signature that looks like 'Benjamin R. Gasco'. 4. A signature that looks like 'Asst. Chief Silver'.