

# MINUTES

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

Date: February 23, 2015 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,  
Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli

Absent: None

Minutes from 2/11/15 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read.  
Account balances were reviewed.

### **REVIEW S.O.G.'s**

Revisions for Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) #1 and #2 were discussed. The SOG's were combined into one. A "manpower officer" was put in place to do accountability. Board members agreed that the first due engine should respond to the front of a building and allow access for Tower 1. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to accept the SOG as amended. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- CPR training has been rescheduled to 3/16/15. First Responder will be done on 3/23/15.
- Chief Rudge thanked all members for their help clearing the hydrants of snow. He appreciated the many residents who helped as well.
- Board members agreed to notify the Board of Selectmen of the vacancy that will happen when Asst. Chief Hobin retires at the end of March. The Selectmen will be asked to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.
- Chief Rudge will meet with Bob Spain to review the exceptions between the bids received for the SCBA.
- Chief Rudge told the Board the Town Manager will not fund the replacement of Station 2's boiler. Chief Rudge is meeting with the Finance Committee and Town Manager on 3/7/15 at 8:00 a.m. to review the FY16 budget. Board members are welcome to attend.
- Board members agreed to get another quote for the boiler replacement at Station 2. Mass. Save may offer some rebates as well.
- The Public Safety Building Sighting Committee will meet on 2/24/15. They will draw up an article to ask for funding for building plans.
- Chief Rudge told Asst. Chief Piscitelli that Specialty Vehicle, Inc. can do the generator repair on Engine 5. The truck will go next week.
- Chief Rudge reviewed preliminary plans for Jessica J Extension. Twenty homes are proposed for the subdivision. Chief Rudge will require a water system or a cistern for fire protection purposes.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton is working on the portables for Station 3 & Station 5.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton got an estimate for \$1000 for a super puffer smoke machine. He will try and get two more quotes.

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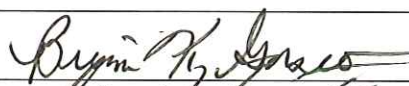

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- Asst. Chief Hamilton has not heard from Xtra Mart concerning replacing the offending smoke detector. The company is asking to eliminate the fine since the calls were caused by burned food.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said the Dept. of Fire Services has not offered any additional bed shakers. He will order some from another source.
- Engine 1's Circle D light has not been replaced.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton is working on a SAFER grant for gear for the Explorers. The application is due by 3/6/15.
- Asst. Chief Hobin will reschedule the ice rescue training.
- Asst. Chief Hobin will contact FF. Jeff Kosiba to do pump testing.
- Asst. Chief Hobin will contact Med Star about doing First Responder training for those who need the full initial class.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said Josh Piscitelli will begin the P.M.'s on the smaller vehicles next week. He will also do the pump on Forestry 1.
- Asst. Chief Gasco would like to have the utility truck painted soon. Chief Rudge will contact Blackstone Valley Tech. Asst. Chief Gasco suggested getting a cover for the truck once it is painted. A motion detector may be installed to protect the truck as well as the ambulance building.
- Asst. Chief Gasco is working on the SOG for Fox Bus.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board a Boy Scout is looking for an Eagle Scout project. He suggested refurbishing Engine 3's rest room. The room would be painted, fixtures replaced, and a storage cabinet installed. Capt. Silver would oversee the project. Discussion took place but no decision was made.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said the large air bag on Rescue 1 leaked during the District 7 training. Asst. Chief Gasco will check all the air bags and determine if repairs can be done.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board he is in the middle of a Fire Prevention Officer Level 1 training class at the Mass. Training Academy.
- Board members agreed to cancel the meetings scheduled for March 2 and March 23. A meeting will be posted for March 9, 2015.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

  
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