

# MINUTES

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

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Date: March 21, 2016 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,  
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver  
Absent: None

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Minutes from 3/7/16 were approved. Invoices were signed. Account balances were reviewed. Mail was read.

Jon Adams visited with the Board of Engineers.

### **S.O.G. #12 State Fire Marshal & S.O.G. #13 Ambulance Assistance & S.O.G. #17 Evacuation Signal**

More information is needed before the Board can approve S.O.G. #12. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to keep S.O.G. #13 the same. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to keep S.O.G. #17 the same. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **RT. 146/WEST MAIN STREET PROJECT**

Chief Hamilton told the Board the fire department will need \$3,100 of equipment to have the fire alarm line relocated when the Rt. 146 Bridge is replaced. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to take the funds from the Supplies Account. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **ENGINE 2 & ENGINE 4 PUMP REPAIRS**

W. D. Perkins cannot adjust the seals on Engine 2 & Engine 4. Both will need new packings. A rough estimate of \$12,000 for Engine 4 and \$16,000 for Engine 2 was given. Chief Hamilton should have a quote for the next meeting.

### **TURNOUT GEAR POLICY**

Board members reviewed the Standard Operating Policy for the care of turnout gear developed by Asst. Chief Piscitelli. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to accept the S.O.G. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **PRE-INCIDENT PLANS (PIP)**

Asst. Chief Silver presented a PIP for Print Guard. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to accept it with changes. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Silver is working on a PIP for the solar farm at this location. Asst. Chief Piscitelli is still working on a PIP for Wheelabrator. Deputy Chief Rudge is still waiting for information on the Bramanville Industrial Park so he can prepare a PIP for the location. Asst. Chief Gasco is working on a PIP for Fox Bus.

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### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton picked up the generators from DCR. They are being stored at the Highway Barn.
- Aaron Cluett submitted a letter of resignation dated 3/20/16. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to accept the resignation. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Brian Day turned in all gear and equipment on 3/19/16. He verbally resigned from the fire department. The Board will wait until they receive a written notice from Mr. Day before taking any action.
- Sutton Fire is conducting a live burn at Shaw Farm on April 2, 2016. Engine 2 will cover Sutton's center station. Engine 4 will take part in the training. Sutton invited Millbury to send six members to take part. Asst. Chief Silver will contact company captains about sending newer guys to the training. Chief Hamilton will email notice and sign-up sheet to all members. The Board will determine who will attend.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli was asked to handle burning permits on 3/26/16. He will check his schedule. If he is not available, Asst. Chief Silver will fill in.
- The windows for Station 2 have been ordered.
- Asst. Chief Silver was accepted into the Advanced Fire Investigation Class.
- Chief Hamilton said the Public Safety Building Sighting Committee is considering Howe Avenue or the Center School as the location for a new fire station. The town property on Providence Road is being considered for a new police station. Lt. Jason Cadrin asked Bob Spain to be appointed to the Committee. Mr. Spain notified Chief Hamilton of this. Chief Hamilton felt if more fire department members are being added, then Asst. Chief Piscitelli or Asst. Chief Silver should be considered first. Mr. Spain asked Chief Hamilton to contact Lt. Cadrin and give him this information.
- The Grafton portables have been engraved, but new software is needed to program them.
- Chief Hamilton spoke with Chief Desorcy about the house numbers on Upton Street. The Police Chief is not sure he wants to change them.
- Asst. Chief Gasco is looking into repairing Engine 1's hose bed cover.
- Chief Hamilton checked Engine 1's high rise pack. A new style hose is available. He will get estimates for the hose and new pack for the next meeting.
- MedStar met with Chief Hamilton, Chief Gauthier, and Chief Belsito to review a response policy for firefighter rehab. Chief Hamilton will update the Board when the policy has been finalized.
- Chief Hamilton said FF. Swenson will set his last class of pump training soon.
- Chief Hamilton updated the Board on the electric car that is being looked into to replace the Chief's vehicle. It is available at no cost. Discussion took



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- place. Board members agreed the Chief's vehicle should have 4-wheel or all-wheel drive.
- Chief Hamilton said Akron Nozzle has a training trailer available for fire department use. Asst. Chief Silver will look into this.
  - Asst. Chief Gasco is still getting information for additional GPS units.
  - Deputy Chief Rudge suggested that the chiefs have their names placed on their coat badges. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief made a motion to have the chief's name placed on their coat badge. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.
  - Chief Hamilton reported two spanner wrenches were lost off of Engine 1 during pump training. Someone will look for them before new ones are purchased.
  - Before dealing with body rot on some of the trucks, the Board will focus on pump packing first.
  - Chief Hamilton reported the Town Mechanic will start working on fire department trucks on Tuesdays again and will start with replacing the lights on Engine 5. The issue with Tower 1's ABS control will be looked into.
  - Asst. Chief Silver will check the P.M. report for Engine 3 to confirm what needs to be done.
  - Josh Piscitelli will be asked to replace the ladder rack piston on Engine 3.
  - Deputy Chief Rudge: reported Engine 2 needs a front end alignment. Also, an LED on the rear is not working right. This may be a wiring issue and Specialty Vehicle will come out to look at the truck.
  - Asst. Chief Gasco: reported Paul Kosiba is looking for a new hood. One will be provided.
  - Asst. Chief Piscitelli: had nothing new to report.
  - Asst. Chief Silver: requested new batteries for the imager on Engine 3. Chief Hamilton will order two. He reported that new utility poles were installed at Print Guard and fire alarm wire will need to be strung. He will contact Bigelow Electric to check Engine 3's generator. He will pick up a new programmable thermostat for Station 3.
  - The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 4. The second half of CPR/First Responder Training is also scheduled for that night. Patriot's Day is April 18, and Deputy Chief Rudge will conduct propane training on April 25. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to cancel both April Board meetings. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. If a meeting becomes necessary, one will be posted for an off night.
  - Chief Hamilton wanted to praise everyone for their participation in the services for Chris Dalton. He gave a special thanks to Engine 3's crew. The family appreciated all that was done.

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Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 09:03 p.m.

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