

# MINUTES

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Date: May 6, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hamilton,  
Asst. Chief Hobin

Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco (working)

Minutes from April 29, 2013 were not available. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

## **6:45 P.M. FF. CHRIS DALTON**

FF. Chris Dalton met with the Board. Asst. Chief Hobin left the meeting at this time. Chief Rudge asked for an explanation of an incident that occurred at Dalton's home. Chief Rudge told FF. Dalton that he is a representative of the fire department and if anything else occurs, Dalton would be brought in for a termination hearing. Asst. Chief Day asked about a comment that was made at the incident. When questioned by a police officer, someone at the incident stated, "We are the fire department". After determining who made the comment, Asst. Chief Hamilton said he felt FF. Dalton was setting a bad example that could multiply and cause others to follow. Asst. Chief Day agreed saying this really looks bad (for the fire department). Asst. Chief Day made a motion to have FF. Ray Hobin, III come into the next Board meeting to explain his involvement. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 3-0 vote. FF. Dalton said he did not contact the Board last week because he did not have the phone number. He did let Capt. Silver know he could not attend. FF. Dalton left the meeting, and Asst. Chief Hobin returned.

## **7:00 P.M. FF. BRIAN STOWELL**

FF. Stowell failed to appear.

## **7:15 P.M. FF. JOHN LEAVENS**

FF. Leavens did not appear until 8:00 p.m. He informed the Board that he may ask for a leave of absence. He will make a decision soon.


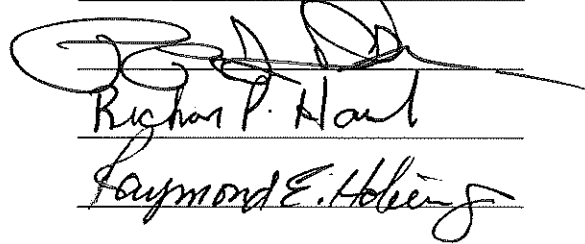
## **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Engine 2 will participate in Leicester's Founders Day Parade on June 15, 2013.
- Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to have Engine 3 toned to respond to mutual aid calls in Grafton from April 1 through October 31. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 4-0 vote. The dispatchers will be notified. Engine 5 will be toned to respond from November 1 through March 31.

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- There was a request to put the cold water suits on the boat at Station 3. Board members agreed the suits will remain on Rescue 1 so they can be donned en route.
- Asst. Chief Hobin is still working on an estimate to paint the apparatus floor at Station 3.
- Board members discussed an incident involving the open water boat housed at Station 3. Capt. Silver contacted Asst. Chief Hobin about training with the boat. Asst. Chief Hobin told Capt. Silver he thought the boat was in storage, didn't feel the station was ready to use it, and didn't want it moved until he got approval from the full Board. Capt. Silver then contacted Chief Rudge about doing the training. Chief Rudge felt the station needed to get familiar with the boat and agreed to the training. He was not aware that Asst. Chief Hobin had denied the training. Asst. Chief Day felt the boat was a special piece of equipment and training needed to be done. But, he didn't feel the captain should have gone over his engineer's head.
- Local Girl Scout Troops presented the Board with boxes of cookies to show appreciation for the Fire Department's service. Board members extended their thanks and will distribute the cookies to all stations.

Asst. Chief Day made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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