

# MINUTES

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## Board of Fire Engineers

12 MAY 29 AM 10:13 Board, Committee, Office, Etc.

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Date: ~~ELBURY, MASS~~ May 7, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Asst. Chief Day

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Minutes from April 23 and April 26 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were available.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Raymond E. Hobin, Jr. to the Board of Fire Engineers effective May 1, 2012. Chief Belsito welcomed Asst. Chief Hobin to the Board and extended his congratulations and support.

### **6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW-AARON CLUETT**

Aaron Cluett met with the Board to review his application for membership. Mr. Cluett is the son of FF. Tim Cluett. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Mr. Cluett as a recruit-in-training pending a successful physical exam, physical ability test and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 4-0 vote. Mr. Cluett was assigned to Engine 1 at Fire Headquarter's.

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

Reorganization was tabled until a full Board was present. This item will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. Asst. Chief Hobin will serve as "Car 3" until the Board reorganizes.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- FF. Brian Stowell submitted a doctor's letter stating he can return to work effective June 1, 2012.
- The Explorers will assist with fixing the grave markers. They will also help to clear the brush at the Butler Farm. Asst. Chief Hamilton is making arrangements.
- The air leak on Rescue 1 was repaired. A new reel was installed. The camera should be ready for installation in three weeks.
- The application period for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant will open shortly. Board members agreed to continue to seek replacement of the SCBA's. Asst. Chief Hamilton and Jeffrey Dore will work on the application. Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested placing an Article on the Warrant for the SCBA's in case the grant is denied.
- Asst. Chief Rudge commented that the radio system is working well despite the extended cloudy weather.
- A meeting of the Public Safety Building Committee has not been set.

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- Trees at Station 3 will be removed after July 1, 2012. Asst. Chief Hobin will keep on top of this. It was suggested that Station 3 could start to clear some of the debris now.
- The pump packings on Engine 3 still need to be adjusted.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will contact the State concerning the guide wire at Station 3.
- A replacement window for Station 3 has been ordered.
- The trim around the window at Fire HQ still needs to be painted.
- Board members were not sure if the trim at Station 5 was done.
- Asst. Chief Rudge said Station 2 would try drafting from the dry hydrant at Singletary tonight. The problem was not with Engine 2.
- Lt. Andy Krumsiek and FF. Mike Sciascia still need to turn in their uniforms. Asst. Chief Hamilton will be in charge of uniforms from now on.
- A detail to drain and remove the oil tank at Fire HQ will be arranged tonight.
- The wires on the pole in front of Fire HQ will be moved soon. The Wiring Inspector contacted National Grid to arrange a date.
- Police Chief Moore will be asked to meet with the Board to review the multi-alarm run cards.
- Chief Belsito asked that another reminder go to the dispatchers about using single engine tones during certain hours.
- The gas line needs to be hooked into the generator at Fire HQ.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton is working on the list of repairs for Engine 4.
- The Board is waiting for an estimate for the repairs to the overflow tank on Engine 1. Asst. Chief Rudge would like to get this repair done during this fiscal year.
- Chief Belsito updated the Board on the pending case involving FF. Giannette.
- The grill for Engine 2 should be available soon.
- The flag at Fire HQ needs replacing.
- Pictures for fire department ID's will be done on May 21 with a makeup date of May 23.
- Blue prints for the new Tower were reviewed on April 26-the project is moving along.
- The Boy Scouts will tour Station 3 on May 9, 2012.
- Chief Belsito reported the Police Department has two certified CPR instructors who are willing to do training for the recruits at no cost.
- Fuel tank straps were ordered for Engine 1-not Engine 2.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will check the sagging issue on Engine 2.
- No tenants have signed on for the use of the cell tower at the Butler Farm.

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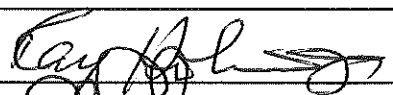
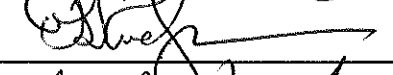
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- Asst. Chief Hamilton said there have been no additional fires at the Deering Estate and there was nothing new to report on the investigation.
- At this time, Asst. Chief Rudge welcomed Ray Hobin to the Board and wished him well. Asst. Chief Hamilton extended a welcome also.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton asked about foam in the skid unit. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the unit will be filled with Class A foam tonight.
- Asst. Chief Hobin will speak to two members at Station 3 tonight and will report to the Board at the next meeting. This concerns an incident that occurred during First Responder training.
- Asst. Chief Rudge asked if the captain and lieutenant positions at Station 3 be filled at the same time. After some discussion, it was agreed to interview for the captain's position on May 21 and the lieutenant's position on June 4.
- Grafton Fire will hold a training session on CMR 33.00 on May 24, 2012. This is a new CMR dealing with processes involving hazardous materials. Chief Belsito will attend.
- Board members agreed to allow Jeff Dore to keep his cell phone number. A new number will be obtained for Asst. Chief Hobin.

Asst. Chief Rudge made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk