

# MINUTES

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

Date: May 19, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,  
Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli  
Absent: None

Minutes from April 28, 2014 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

### **6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW-KEITH MARDEROSIAN**

Keith Marderosian met with the Board to review his application for membership. Mr. Marderosian was on the fire department in 2002 but did not complete training. Chief Rudge stressed the time commitment involved in training. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to appoint Mr. Marderosian 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 Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote. He will be assigned to Station 5.

### **7:00 P.M. RECRUIT MICHAEL SCHOLD**

Mike Schold met with the Board as requested. He was dismissed from the Fire Academy's recruit training program for missing a mandatory training session. Board members expressed their disappointment for his lack of involvement. Asst. Chief Piscitelli added that Mr. Schold did not respond to incidents or training sessions. Mr. Schold explained that he was spread thin with work and school. Chief Rudge asked for a motion to dismiss with the opportunity for Mr. Schold to re-apply after one year. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to dismiss Mike Schold from the fire department for one year. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. He will return all gear to Fire HQ. Chief Rudge would like the Mass. Firefighting Academy notified of the Board's actions.

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

FF. Leavens met with the Board as requested. Capt. Silver was also in attendance. FF. Leavens said that due to an ongoing medical problem he must resign. He provided a letter to the Board with a resignation date of May 13, 2014. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to accept the resignation with regret. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. The Board thanked Mr. Leavens for his years of service. All gear has been returned.

### **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

The Board sent a letter to the Town Manager expressing their disappointment that the new ambulance service would not be housed in Millbury. After speaking with Bob Spain and some Selectmen, Chief Rudge said it was suggested to house

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the ambulance at Fire Headquarters. The crew could use the same room as before. Mr. Spain would arrange to have a building placed in the rear of Fire HQ and the Fire Department would fund the utilities. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco said the Board should have some input into the type and location of the building. He stressed that the structure needs to comply with all codes. He noted that temporary buildings do not have to meet some standards. Asst. Chief Hobin said that OEMS has guidelines that the ambulance service must follow. Chief Rudge said the Board should give their approval first and then express an opinion on the building. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to house the ambulance crew at Fire Headquarters and to allow a building to be erected in the rear of Fire Headquarters for the ambulance. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 4-0-1 vote with Asst. Chief Hobin abstaining.

### **FIELD DAY-2014**

The Ladies Auxiliary responded to the Board that the majority of their group were not in favor of doing the Field Day this year. After some discussion, it was agreed to take a break this year and plan for next.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Chief Rudge submitted the following truck repair report based on P.M.'s done on 5/5/14:

Engine 1: right rear strobe out, air leak repaired, wrench missing for O2 bottle, cracks under cab, siren not working properly.

Rescue 1: rear bumper damaged-previously reported.

Tower 1: compartment on bucket has damage-previously reported, Adam Roy's gear to be checked.

Engine 2: no report submitted.

Engine 4: no report submitted.

Hose 1: no report submitted.

Engine 3: having trouble drafting-in for repairs on 5/21; generator mounting bracket bolt snapped; need new windshield wipers; left alley light out on light bar; rear scene light OOS; siren comes on when PTT button is depressed; transmission temperature gauge is broken; hard suction holder on ladder rack is broken; first low compartments on left and right side need new door switches (open door light turns on); cannot get draft; 1 length of hard suction is OOS; air horns don't work most of the time; front chock block holder is damaged; air leak from air tanks; rear passenger side outer dully multiple flat spots; no compartment lights in the right side 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> low compartments; compartment light is out on the left side 1<sup>st</sup> low compartment; Circle D light; license plate light.

Forestry 1: Needs engine oil.

Engine 5: Generator fuel tank repair; both rear strobes out-to be ordered; Siamese inlet needs to be repaired or replaced; primer pump not working (repaired).

- Joshua Piscitelli will handle the bulbs/lights that need to be replaced on the trucks. Asst. Chief Hobin will get a driver to bring Engine 3 in for repairs

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- on 5/21/14. Due to the cost, the Siamese on Engine 5 will be repaired after 7/1/14.
- Capt. Silver gave Engine 3's circle D light to Asst. Chief Hamilton for repair.
  - Board members discussed the fire in Sutton that occurred over the weekend.
  - Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board that Recruit Wysote was having trouble maintaining a passing grade in the recruit class. He is receiving extra help and responds to alarms and on Monday nights.
  - Chief Rudge thanked the Board and all members of the fire department for their support in getting the Article for SCBA's passed. The Board is hopeful their AFF grant will be approved. Chief Rudge will place a letter of appreciation in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle thanking the townspeople for their support as well.
  - Capt. Silver told the Board he would like to have some members take an Operational RIT Leader training class. This is a two-day class being offered in the fall. Board members will consider the class and notify the stations to sign up if interested.
  - Engine 2 is scheduled to participate in this year's Memorial Day Parade. All Board members will march. Asst. Chief Hobin will try to arrange a picture on that day.
  - Chief Rudge said the Public Safety Building Committee met last week. The Committee removed the Town Hall and added 135 Elm Street to the sites to consider. A video will be made to show the cramped conditions at the Police and Fire stations. Public meetings will also be held. An Article to prepare plans for the building will be placed on the Warrant of next year's Town Meeting.
  - The Fire Department and assistant chiefs are still receiving violation notices for accessing the Mass. Pike through the EZ -Pass lane. Mass. DOT is in the planning stages of addressing this issue. EZ transponders may be available for fire department apparatus, but the fire department will still have to justify using the EZ-Pass lane. Adjustments to the plan will be made before it is finalized. Chief Rudge will keep the Board updated.
  - Chief Rudge told the Board that Town Counsel is still working on the LOSAP issue.
  - The Board agreed to go to a "summer" schedule. Meetings will be held on June 16, July 21, and August 18. The Town Clerk will be notified.
  - Asst. Chief Hamilton said the next District 7 meeting will be in Douglas on May 22. Millbury will host the June 19 meeting at the Senior Center.
  - The Mass Firefighting Academy will hold recruit graduation on June 19. Millbury has four recruits in the class.
  - Asst. Chief Hamilton ordered the radio batteries and will handle the repairs to Engine 3's hard suction hose.

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- Asst. Chief Hobin said he needs to complete the photo ID's and that Capt. Silver will take Engine 3 to Specialty Vehicles on Wednesday.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said 23 people showed up for the maze trailer training on Saturday. Explorers were allowed to participate as well. Asst. Chief Hobin noted that Recruit Cierra O'Day did an excellent job going through the maze and she also helped the Explorers.
- Asst. Chief Gasco had information on the foldable rescue boat. Board members watched a short video detailing what the Oceanid Rapid Deployment Craft could do. It is a multi-purpose rescue unit that can be used on open water, ice, and snow and will fit in Rescue 1's compartment. The cost is \$4500. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco will set up a demonstration for the Board. He made a motion to purchase the unit contingent upon a successful demonstration. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote. Eventually, a motor will be purchased for the craft.
- Asst. Chief Gasco told the Board the District 7 Tech Rescue training is almost complete. Reimbursements should be received this week. Asst. Chief Hobin would like to see a demonstration of their abilities once the training is complete.
- Engine 3's new meter has been calibrated and the crew trained. It is now in service.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will finalize a live burn exercise in Auburn to evaluate SCBA's. He will contact each vendor to arrange to have several pacs available on June 21, 2014. Board members agreed to open this up to all members. A notice will be sent to all stations. Sign-up sheets must be returned by 6/2/14. Station coverage will be arranged for the day.
- The Fire Department received a \$25,000 donation from the Stratford family made in memory of Tom Stratford. Chief Rudge read a letter from Debra Santon that said her dad (Mr. Stratford) "knew that the men risked their lives for the town every time they went out on a call and truly appreciated their dedication". The donation was earmarked for the replacement of breathing equipment. Board members were grateful for the donation.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the overhead door at Fire HQ will be repaired soon.
- The Board agreed that the body repairs on Tower 1 will be done after 7/1/14.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said Steve Brock will be measured for gear tomorrow and would like to have the recruits measured as well. If the windows at Station 3 are not replaced, he would like to use those funds for the gear. If the windows are replaced, the gear order will be put off until after 7/1/14. Board members agreed.

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- Asst. Chief Piscitelli will see if he can get a quote for the window replacement and have the work done before the end of the fiscal year.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton received five smoke/co alarms designed for the hard of hearing. The Dept. of Fire Services made the units available to every department. Asst. Chief Hamilton drew up a liability waiver. He made a motion to have Town Counsel review the liability waiver. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Hamilton will meet with Judy O'Connor to determine which residents would benefit from the detectors. He would also like to pay firefighters for their time to install the units. Board members agreed.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton noted the "Good Samaritan" Law has been revised to include firefighters. He would like all members to be aware of this.
- A thank you note will be sent to Jeff Dore for his help with the flags for Memorial Day. A thank you will be sent to Brian Coppola as well for taking care of the Firefighters Monument at Fire HQ.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said his son was not able to take District 7's Technical trench rescue class because of his job. FF. Ray Hobin, III will need to make up the class.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said he spent considerable time looking into setting up a fire watch detail list. After speaking with Lt. Desorcy and Sgt. McFaul, Asst. Chief Hobin learned the detail at Uno's was a "security" detail. It involved security as well as fire watch. Mall owners were familiar with the special police and decided to hire them to do the detail. Asst. Chief Hobin said a pay rate and a revolving account would have to be established and a list of those available would have to be updated and maintained. The paperwork alone would be time-consuming and, at this time, the fire department is not set-up to handle this. Chief Rudge thanked Asst. Chief Hobin for his time and effort.
- Asst. Chief Hobin asked the Board if they had an issue with FF. Mitchell working a shift in Dudley once a week. Discussion took place. Chief Rudge said the job is Mitchell's livelihood and as long as he does not use Millbury's equipment/gear, there is no issue.
- Asst. Chief Hobin asked about the liability of using Fire Headquarters (due to the condition of the outside walls). Chief Rudge said the Town Manager and Building Inspector have been made aware of the situation several times. Netting will be set up after 7/1/14 to catch any falling debris.
- Asst. Chief Gasco got an estimate of \$650 to add a hydrogen cyanide sensor to Engine 1's MSA detector. Board members agreed to do this after 7/1/14. Members will be advised to use their SCBA's until then.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the hydrant on the Mass. Pike does not have a flag on it. He asked if Mass. DOT or the fire department could test and mark it.

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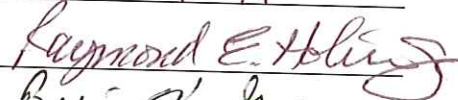
The hydrant is considered "private". Board members agreed that Engine 5 would test and flag it when convenient.

- Tomorrow is Student Government Day and Chief Rudge will participate.
- Asst. Chief Hobin will provide the Girl Scouts a tour of Fire Headquarters tomorrow evening.


Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Richard P. Hamel



Brian N. Graco



Regina A. Markey, Clerk