

# MINUTES

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

Date: June 5, 2017 Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,  
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver  
Absent: None

Minutes from May 22, 2017 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

### **COMPANY OFFICERS MEETING**

The following officers were present: Capt. Newlands, Capt. King, Capt. Brock, Lt. Cadrin, Lt. LaVallee, Lt. Siebenhaar, Lt. King, Lt. Kosiba, Lt. Couture, and Lt. Krumsiek. Items reviewed:

1. Chief Hamilton said there have been a lot of fires lately-and everyone did a good job. Please pass this on to your guys. The fire on West Main Street was particularly difficult-but due to the job we did; the building was saved and will be rebuilt (to include sprinklers). Lt. King said he was impressed with how much of the building was still standing. Lt. Cadrin asked if the Board was going to review the fire. Chief Hamilton said the Board did review it. Capt. Brock said more drills should be done on hose handling and handlines. He said more people were needed on the lines. Capt. King agreed noting that more than three people were needed to move a charged line to the third floor. Deputy Chief Rudge said you should call for more help when needed. A manpower pool is usually available. Lt. King wanted more information on using the manpower pool and accountability. Asst. Chief Gasco said it was hard because as soon as someone showed up they were assigned somewhere. Lt. Kosiba felt the roof on the Upton Street home was not vented quick enough. He also said there were issues with a speaker mic. Chief Hamilton will look into this. Asst. Chief Silver said it was a good idea for the crew first on scene to have an imager available.
2. Millbury received a grant to revitalize the town center. Opticomms will be installed in the traffic lights. Chief Hamilton is working on getting controls in all trucks.
3. The Article for Station Repairs was approved at Town Meeting. Work will include plymovent installation/repair and installation of alarm systems.
4. The Board is still working on get picture ID's for all members.
5. Chief Hamilton asked if Engine 3 was interested in attending the Owen Carrignant Field Day at the Elmwood Street School on 6/10 from 1 to 5. Asst. Chief Silver will follow up on this.
6. An optional training session will be held on 6/17/17 at the National Grid Training Center on Rt. 20. The "live line" trailer will be there and Capt. Brock will head up the training.
7. Each Board member addressed the group as follows: Deputy Chief Rudge said the guys did an excellent job with the three recent structure fires-especially the West Main Street fire. He asked the group to pass this on to their guys. He said the officers were leading in a good way and to continue doing this. He would also like to see the stations cleaned up. Capt. King asked about painting the interior of Station 2. He was told that would have to wait until after the plymovent system is repaired. Asst. Chief Gasco said the guys did a great job with all the recent fires. He said even

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with the few guys on scene at the start, everyone performed well. Asst. Chief Piscitelli thanked everyone for the respect they gave to the Board at all the fires. No one questioned a command and immediately did what they were asked. Asst. Chief Silver said everyone brought their "A" game to the fires. And, he is proud to say he is a Millbury firefighter. A lot of the feedback he heard was good.

8. The leather boots are in and will be distributed soon.
9. The house on Howe Avenue that was enclosed with a chain link fence will be torn down and a new one built.
10. Chief Hamilton said the purchase of the new forestry truck has been approved. He is waiting for the check to be processed. The old truck will be turned over to the Selectmen for disposal. The skid unit and other equipment will be removed first.
11. Chief Hamilton asked the officers if they had questions/comments. Lt. King asked about 29 Main Street. Chief Hamilton said the buyer is still interested although there was a delay in the purchase. With the recent calls involving the fire extinguishers, Lt. King asked if the building could be better secured. Chief Hamilton contacted the maintenance person about this. Capt. Brock asked when Engine 5 would be converted to 4" hose. He was told this would be done on July 5. Lt. Cadrin said no one pumped the hydrant at the West Main Street fire. He felt this was a problem. Chief Hamilton said it wasn't necessary to pump the hydrant. The issue was the lines were not charged quickly enough. Lt. Cadrin asked about sirens for the officers. He got a resounding "no" from the Board. Lt. Krumsiek was all set. Lt. Kosiba said there was too much chatter on the radios during the recent fires. This needs to be addressed. Capt. King said he read on Facebook that solar lights in a plastic container caused the fire on Manor Road. Chief Hamilton said the homeowner posted this and he responded with a clarification that it was not the cause. Capt. King said FF. Jeff Kosiba needs an extra long hood. Chief Hamilton is trying to find one. He also wants to order more hoods to be used as replacements. Capt. King said the water cooler is not working and the station needs trash bags. A new cooler will be ordered and he was told to get the bags at Ray's True Value. Lt. Couture was all set. Lt. Siebenhaar said he was late to the West Main Street fire and was surprised at the condition of the house. He said the Explorers did an excellent job. (Other members agreed.) Lt. Siebenhaar suggested using wipes to clean your neck/head after a fire. He said the wipes could be used to clean SCBA masks as well. Asst. Chief Gasco will look into getting wipes for each station.
12. Lt. King mentioned that people were impressed with the Explorers who marched in the Memorial Day Parade. Chief Hamilton said that was only half of the group. Lt. Siebenhaar said the group did a good job at the extrication demo at the Food Truck Festival. Asst. Chief Gasco said this was a tribute to the guys training them. Asst. Chief Silver said the Explorers will be highlighted on one of the Town's cable shows.

### PRE INCIDENT PLANS

The map of CareOne needs to be updated before the PIP can be approved.

### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Engine 2 will go to Auburn's Firefighter Memorial Sunday on 6/11/17. Assembly is at Auburn Fire HQ by 9:15 a.m. Dress for the day is Class A uniform with white gloves.
- Deputy Chief Rudge brought up the "after action" meetings. He said this should be done with the company captains and lieutenants but not the

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entire department. The officers can bring the information back to their guys. Board members agreed.

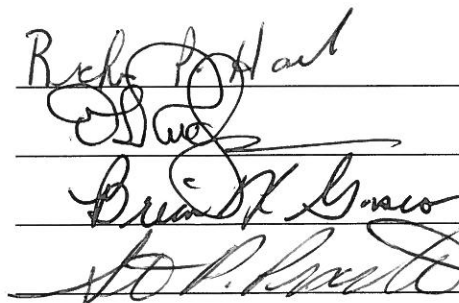
- Chief Hamilton presented revised multi-alarm run cards. Sutton will automatically be the RIT for all working fires. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco felt there should be a second RIT team before the fifth alarm. He also suggested combining the two cards into one. Chief Hamilton said command could indicate which card should be used-he preferred two. After further discussion, it was agreed to revise the cards again and review at a later meeting.
- The Board agreed to distribute boots on June 12 and do pictures on June 26.
- Tower 1 will go in for brake valve repairs later this week.
- The FY18 budget was certified. Chief Hamilton said the fee for FirePrograms will now come from the Town's IT account. The savings could be used to purchase a laptop for one of the trucks.
- The Town awarded the trash removal service to D'Auteuil Disposal. The Plumbing and HVAC contracts were awarded to MPC Services. The heating oil bid will be opened on 6/9/17. The contract for electrical service will be opened on 6/16/17.
- Board members reviewed account balances and end-of-year purchases. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to purchase a fuel cabinet for Fire HQ at a cost of \$436. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Eventually the Board would like to purchase a small cabinet for each station. Chief Hamilton told the Board about a chimney scrubber kit for chimney fires. This might be purchased if there are enough funds at the end of the fiscal year.
- All paperwork for the LOSAP renewal has been submitted. The life insurance policies have been converted to a group policy-reducing the cost of the LOSAP. This should allow for an increase in the number of years of service for next year.
- The Board discussed the propane training done for Upton and Grafton fire departments.
- FF. Chris Bruinsma has been activated for two weeks with the National Guard. Chief Hamilton will check to see if he should be paid for the runs he missed.
- ISO will meet with Chief Hamilton on 6/12/17 to gather information that could improve the Town's insurance rating.
- The Board agreed to cancel the meeting on 6/19 and reschedule to 6/26/17.
- Chief Hamilton reported that Station 2's siren cannot be repaired. He is getting quotes for a new one.
- Deputy Chief Rudge will check when Station 2's gas generator can be installed. He commented that it was sad to see more Explorers than

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firefighters at the Memorial Day Parade. Discussion took place on how to improve attendance.

- Asst. Chief Gasco will look for wipes for the SCBA masks. He also told the Board that Ziebart is willing to do the undercoating on Tower 1 and Rescue 1 at no charge. But the undercarriage must be power washed first. Asst. Chief Gasco then made a motion to purchase a power washer for Fire HQ. This was seconded by Deputy Chief Rudge and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Gasco brought up for discussion sirens for company officers. He had mixed feelings on this but felt it was a "perk" for the officers for doing a good job. Chief Hamilton said a policy could be set and the sirens offered just to company captains. There would be "zero" tolerance-one abuse and it has to be removed. Deputy Chief Rudge felt having a siren was always just for chief officers-and it should stay that way. He doesn't want it filtering down to everyone. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he doesn't see an issue with the guys getting to their stations. He said it has always been a privilege for chief officers because they respond directly to the scene. Asst. Chief Silver was not sure on the matter.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked about a gear rack for Station 5. He said a wall mounted rack would work better and one was available for \$968. Asst. Chief Piscitelli then made a motion to purchase a gear rack for Station 5. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Silver said the next District 7 meeting will be held in Millbury on 6/22/17 at the Senior Center. He said District 7 is considering a District Explorer Post. Asst. Chief Silver scheduled senior safe presentations at the senior housing complexes and the Senior Center.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked if there was any update on the new public safety building. Chief Hamilton said the committee needs to meet to move forward.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 20:15.



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