

# MINUTES

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

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Date: September 21, 2015 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,  
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver

Absent: None

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Minutes from 9/14/15 were approved. Executive Session Minutes from 8/17/15 were approved but will not be released at this time. Invoices were signed. Account balances were reviewed. Mail was read.

### **6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW SCOTT GULLY**

Scott Gully met with the Board to review his application for membership. Chief Hamilton explained the hiring process and training requirements. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to appoint Mr. Gully as a recruit in training pending a successful physical exam, drug screening, physical ability test and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. Mr. Gully will be assigned to Fire HQ.

### **PRE-INCIDENT PLANS**

Board members reviewed the PIP drawn up for Colonial Drive Apartments. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to approve the pre-incident plan as written. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Board members discussed acknowledging the Stratford family for the generous donation they made in memory of their father-Tom Stratford. The donation was specifically earmarked for the replacement of the SCBA's. The Board will arrange something with the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.
- Board members reviewed and approved the invoice for the SCBA's.
- Chief Hamilton will hold a company officers meeting on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. This will be held as part of the Board meeting.
- Board members reviewed the training scheduled for October through December submitted by Asst. Chief Silver. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to approve the training schedule. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. The Board is looking into using the building at 117 Elm Street for training before it is taken down.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli had an estimate for replacing six windows at Station 2. Double hung windows were recommended. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Rudge made a motion to accept the quote and have the windows replaced. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote.

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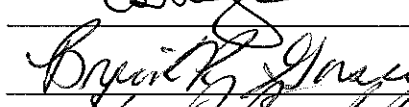
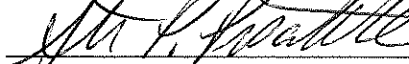
- There was no truck maintenance report since P.M.'s were not done this month.
- Chief Hamilton said the Town Mechanic will service one truck a week (on Tuesdays). Engine 2 was serviced last week & Engine 5 will be done tomorrow.
- Chief Hamilton drew up a response for A.L.I.C.E. incidents. Board members reviewed it and will discuss it at the next meeting.
- Chief Hamilton told the Board recruit Steven Christy failed his physical a second time and the he was in a serious motorcycle accident but is recovering. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Rudge made a motion to rescind the appointment of Steven Christy as a recruit in training. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Mr. Christy can reapply after a one-year wait.
- FF. Chris Dalton sent his brother into the office to inquire about a lump sum payment due to disability. Requirements to receive the payment will be sent to both FF. Dalton and his brother.
- Chief Hamilton said the rear of 50 Howe Avenue has been cleared. The manager plans to have fire aisles painted inside the buildings to indicate areas that are to remain clear and open. A new hydrant is also being installed in the front of the property. The owners are looking for approval from the Planning Board for indoor storage units.
- Recruit John Leroux did not respond to the letter asking for his intentions with the fire department. Since his appointment in April, 2014, he has not responded to any alarms or attended any Monday night trainings. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to rescind John Leroux's appointment as a recruit. This was seconded by Asst. Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote. Notice will be sent to Mr. Leroux.
- Chief Hamilton told the Board that the fire lane in back of 95 Elm Street has been installed and is being patrolled. He said through the cooperation of the Assessors, the DPW, the Police, and the Millbury Housing Authority, the fire lane was established, outlined and painted. The Police Dept. is enforcing "no parking" as well.
- Chief Hamilton said Sue Dwinell donated a uniform worn by her father- Richard Dwinell. It came complete with badges and hat. This will be saved for the fire department's museum.
- Board members reviewed S.O.G. #8 for Hose 1. Asst. Chief Rudge made a motion to accept it as written. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- The Board reviewed S.O.G. #7 for Engine 4. Asst. Chief Rudge wanted to include that due to the weight of the vehicle, it needs to be driven cautiously. Board members agreed. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to accept the S.O. G. for Engine 4 with the noted revision. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Rudge and carried on a 5-0 vote.

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- An official town email account has been set up for each Board member.
- Chief Hamilton said Bass Masters will hold a tournament on 10/3/15. They requested permission to park at Station 2. They will be allowed to park in the lower lot only.
- The annual Firefighters Mass will be held on Sunday, September 27 at Assumption Church at 9:00 a.m. Class A uniform is to be worn.
- Board members reviewed run cards for Sutton Fire. The Board was concerned that Rescue 1 was included for all alarms. They don't want it tied up for every structure fire. Chief Hamilton will speak to Chief Belsito about this.
- Chief Hamilton will arrange with W.D. Perkins to fix the packings on Engine 2 and Engine 4.
- The diamond blade the Board voted to purchase for Rescue 1's saw is not available in a 16". Another manufacturer does offer the correct size but at a higher price. Board members agreed to purchase this blade instead.
- Chief Hamilton proposed a change to the Master Box Policy. Instead of calling the police department, those with a short arm will call the open burning line and leave the necessary information. When the work is complete, the tech is to call back. Board members agreed to review this at the next meeting.
- Revisions to the Fire Department's Rules & Regulations will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- Asst. Chief Rudge thanked the Board for their support and concern during his recent surgery. He really appreciated it.
- Asst. Chief Gasco wanted to address the Explorers responding out of town (as they did in Sutton). He didn't think it was right to have the Explorers respond out of town when the recruits can't. Asst. Chief Silver said the Explorers are covered under a different insurance policy and that all they do is roll hose or pack the truck. Asst. Chief Gasco said that if the recruits can't go, then the Explorers can't go. Asst. Chief Rudge said he needs to think about this. The item will be addressed at the next meeting.
- Chief Hamilton asked Asst. Chief Rudge if he could update the tenant listing for the Bramanville Industrial Park.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
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