

# MINUTES

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

Date: October 5, 2015 Time: 6:00 P.M.  
Present: Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,  
Asst. Chief Piscitelli  
Absent: Asst. Chief Silver

Minutes from 9/21/15 were approved. Invoices were signed. Account balances were reviewed. Mail was read.

### **6:00 P.M. COMPANY OFFICERS MEETING**

Capt. Newlands, Capt. King, Capt. Brock, Lt. Lahair, Lt. T. LaVallee, Lt. Kosiba, Lt. King, Lt. Couture and Lt. Krumsiek were in attendance. Items covered:

1. 50 Howe Avenue-area has been cleaned up, self storage units going in and the units will be sprinklered, methadone clinic to follow.
2. Packings on Engine 2 & Engine 4 to be replaced soon.
3. All trucks passed the pump tests. Engine 3 will need to be rebuilt.
4. Ryan Boucher will do pump operations training with those who need it. Company officers should continue to help with the training.
5. Construction has started in the *Casa Verde* subdivision off Oak Pond Avenue. Ninety-eight homes are going in, with two new streets being created and Westview Avenue being extended. Little spacing between homes-hydrants are live.
6. Land clearing has begun for the three new homes going in at Hill Top Drive. Flow rate may have to be updated.
7. Four solar farms are in different stages of construction. Locations: Auburn Road, Riverlin Street, Greenwood Street, and Westboro Road. This brought about discussion of homes with solar panels. Asst. Chief Lahair asked how to vent a roof with solar panels. Asst. Chief Gasco said you should vent at the gable ends. Capt. King asked if a panel comes through the roof, is it still live and how to handle it. He was told caution needs to be used because it could still be "live". Asst. Chief Gasco said the Board arranged to have DFS provide training on solar panels. Chief Hamilton added that Rt. 146 Supply is putting solar panels on their roof. They have agreed to install auto vents in the buildings.
8. Construction at *Stratford Village* on Burbank Street has begun. There will be 22-townhouse units consisting of duplexes and triplexes. The contractor has agreed to install a booster station for firefighting purposes.
9. Construction has not started at *Cobblestone Village* on Howe Avenue. The proposal is for 72- units in five buildings.
10. Twenty single-family homes are going in at 308 Millbury Avenue. Construction has not started yet.
11. A storage unit complex is under construction at 147 Providence Street. The closest hydrant is at Barrday (86 Providence Street).
12. DiLeo Gas is installing an additional propane tank on Providence Street. Though it is in Sutton, it abuts Millbury.
13. Wide World of Sports has proposed an indoor complex with four soccer fields off Rt. 146 south. The building will have to be sprinklered. Access will be through Royal Flush Avenue.
14. Chief Hamilton said the Board is in the process of developing an A.L.I.C.E. response. He wanted to stress that "we are not the police, so don't put yourself in danger."

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15. An S.O.G. for Engine 4 has been developed and the S.O.G. for Hose 1 has been revised. These should be reviewed by everyone.
16. The Open House will be held at Fire HQ on 10/7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Class C uniform should be worn. Engine 5 will go to Papa Gino's on 10/8/15 in return.
17. Lt. King noted that Jessica J Extension is being looked into again. The project has been downsized from 28 to 20 homes.
18. Asst. Chief Gasco and Asst. Chief Silver are trying to schedule a live burn on a Saturday at Auburn's training site. The Fire Dept. has also been given permission to use the building at 117 Elm Street for training. Chief Hamilton thanked Asst. Chief Rudge for his help in making this happen. The live burn may be pushed off so the building can be used before it is taken down. More information will be provided once dates have been confirmed.
19. The Town Mechanic will be servicing one truck a week on Tuesdays. Once all trucks have been serviced, minor repairs will be handled. Asst. Chief Piscitelli noted Engine 5 still has a light issue.
20. Engine 4 will go to Specialty Vehicle to have the rear tank fill repaired.
21. The Training Schedule for the remainder of the year has been approved and posted.
22. Asst. Chief Silver and Detective Kim Cadrin attended a fire investigation course offered by the Mass. Firefighting Academy. This is the first step in becoming a fire investigator. Both found the course informative and beneficial to both departments.
23. Asst. Chief Rudge thanked all for their support after his recent surgery. He appreciated the calls, texts, visits, and cards.
24. Asst. Chief Gasco said there have been minor problems with the new SCBA's. He stressed that everyone should don/doff their packs every Monday night, to become familiar with them, to check for any problems, and to check the batteries. Problems should be reported to him. The correct bottles were delivered tonight and will be distributed.
25. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he was disappointed with the showing at the annual Firefighters Mass. He said the townspeople are looking for a chance to thank the fire department and this was their opportunity. He stressed it is important to attend and meet people. We are the face of the Millbury Fire Department.
26. Lt. King informed the Board that the School Committee will be meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the Shaw School. He said the Public Safety Building Committee should move ahead soon. Lt. Lahair asked if this had to be a shared building. He was told "absolutely not".
27. Lt. Lahair "tipped his hat" to all and said the extrication training had better participation than usual. It was good to see.
28. Lt. Kosiba said the paving of Wheelock Avenue should be finished tomorrow; asbestos removal at the old training house has started; and, the fuel tank replacement at the Highway Barn is ongoing.
29. Capt. Brock said the new guys at Station 5 appreciated the opportunity to use the JAWS during the extrication training.

In closing, Chief Hamilton thanked everyone for their support.

### **S.O.G. #29-A.L.I.C.E. RESPONSE**

The Board will wait until all members are present to approve the A.L.I.C.E. response. They felt the SOG was a good start. Chief Hamilton told the Board that the Elmwood Street School is planning an A.L.I.C.E. drill sometime in October.

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### MASTER BOX POLICY REVISIONS

Revisions to the Master Box policy will be approved when a full Board is present. Chief Hamilton said he will contact Gordon Siebenhaar to set another training class for area testing companies.

### PRE-INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre-incident plans to review.

### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton told the Board recruit Wysote will challenge the FF I/II test later this month.
- Chief Hamilton said bags are no longer available for the vacuum for the Engineer's Office. Asst. Chief Rudge made a motion to purchase a new vacuum. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote. Ray's True Value has one for \$89.
- Chief Hamilton attended a pre-construction meeting for the replacement of the Rt. 146 bridge. The project could take as long as 4½ years. At the meeting, he stressed the need to keep the fire alarm wire intact until it is placed underground. The bridge will be replaced first and then the roundabouts put in place. Chief Hamilton said construction has started with the relocation/upgrade of the water main, sewer system and utilities.
- A printer for the office has been ordered.
- Chief Hamilton said Northbridge Fire donated a reel of fire alarm wire that they no longer use.
- Chief Hamilton applied for an Energizer Grant and the Fire Department received 400 9-volt batteries to be used with smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. They will be distributed during a Senior SAFE presentation.
- Board members started to review the Fire Department's Rules & Regulations Handbook. They agreed to remove the section regarding a training officer. Other revisions were also made. Chief Hamilton asked the Board to consider establishing a Deputy or District Chief position as well. This and all revisions will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- The issue of Explorers responding out of town will be held until a full Board is present.
- Asst. Chief Rudge said he will be out-of-town for the remainder of the week and will not be here for the Open House.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked for an update on the tray for Rescue 1. Chief Hamilton will contact Minuteman.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said a neighbor will be taking down a small house. It could be used for vent training or search & rescue. The Board asked him to follow-up.
- Board members will wear Class C with white shirts for the Open House.

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Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ricky D. Hart  
Steve  
Bryan D. Russo  
John P. Piscitelli  
John A. De

Regina A. Markey, Clerk