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Date: October 15, 2012 Time: 6:00 p.m.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hamilton,
Asst. Chief Hobin, Asst. Chief Gasco
Absent: None

Minutes from October 1, 2012 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Asst. Chief Hamilton was attending a District 7 Recruit Training meeting with Recruit Bouthillette. He arrived later in the meeting.

COMPANY OFFICERS MEETING

The following were in attendance: Capt. Newlands, Capt. King, Capt. Silver, Lt. Cadrin, Lt. Lahair, Lt. LaVallee, Lt. King, Lt. Kosiba, and Lt. Krumsiek. Chief Rudge told the group the Board would like to hold an officer's meeting on a quarterly basis. Items reviewed:

1. Inspection trip for new Tower. Minor items will be corrected
2. The truck has been delivered to Walpole. Lettering, radio installation, and delivery prep need to be done. Training will be scheduled for a weekend. Truck should be delivered to Millbury with 3-4 weeks.
3. CPR/First Responder cards are to be distributed by the company captains.
4. New building at 6 Latti Farm Road houses a care center for the disabled. Floor plans will be distributed soon. Station 5 will tour the building on 10/22/12.
5. Hose 1 will go to Station 3 and the Forestry truck will go to Station 2 when Tower 1 is delivered. The Board is considering an addition for Station 2.
6. Driver training will need to be done on Hose 1 for members of Station 3. Capt. Silver is reviewing the use of the truck now.
7. An encampment re-enactment will be held at Pearson's Farm on October 19, 20, & 21. Forestry 1 and a crew of two will stage at the site on 10/20 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and on 10/21 from noon until 3:00 pm. Cannons will be fired on both days. Jeffrey Dore is the contact person. Shuttle vans will be used from certain sites and parking will be banned on several major roads in the area.
8. The Board is drawing up guidelines for live burn training.
9. A fire-watch detail will remain in effect at Milltex until the sprinkler system is repaired and extended into the new section of the building. Keep in mind the entire building is without a sprinkler system.

Chief Rudge opened the meeting to the company officers.

1. Lt. Cadrin asked if recruits could go through driver training before being appointed as a regular firefighter. He explained that having to do driver training and pump operations will continue to motivate a recruit to get it done so they can be appointed as a regular.

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Discussion took place. Board members told the group that a new member has one year to complete driver training and pump operations. This is sometimes difficult to enforce. The Board will consider making a change.

2. Capt. King said some of his guys were having a problem getting pagers repaired and flashlight batteries. Lt. Stevens said a couple of guys at Station 3 were having the same problem. Asst. Chief Gasco asked each captain to submit a list indicating what each guy needs.
3. Capt. King said the rear chute on Engine 4 needs some serious attention. Chief Rudge said this will be looked at soon.
4. Capt. King wants to replace the small bag (1500-gal.) on Engine 4. He said the framing is bowed and it is ready to collapse. He also wants to install a roller on the truck. Lt. King said he has a stainless steel roller that can be mounted on Engine 4 and there is another bag (2200-gal.) at the station that can replace the damaged one. The crew is waiting for the Board's permission to do the work.
5. Lt. Kosiba asked that radio communications be reviewed again. He said the communications at the MacArthur Drive fire was terrible. Lt. Krumsiek said you could not hear Asst. Chief Hamilton at all. Board members thought poor reception in the area was the cause.
6. Several officers asked about replacing bunker gear. Does it have to be replaced within so many years? Chief Rudge said the NFPA standards are only recommendations. Some of the gear may be more than 10 years old but is still in good condition. Lt. Stevens noted that FF. Brian Dalton's jacket was lacking insulation. He said the jacket should be replaced or taken out of service. Chief Rudge will check with Asst. Chief Hamilton.
7. Capt. Silver would like Engine 2 to be outfitted with RIT gear. He said most of the guys at Station 2 are RIT certified. Outfitting the truck would put a RIT team in the west end of Town. Capt. Silver will draw up a list of needed equipment.
8. Lt. Krumsiek asked about technical rescue training. Chief Rudge said a meeting will be set with Wheelabrator to discuss the training.
9. Capt. King asked about the hose repair vise that was at Station 2. He said Jeff Dore used it to make some short hoses for Station 3. The vise cannot be located, and Jeff Dore does not know where it is.

Company officers left the meeting at this time.

REVIEW QUARTERLIES

Quarterly reports from all stations were reviewed. Headquarters, Station 2, and Station 3 were satisfactory. Asst. Chief Day will have Capt. Piscitelli speak to one firefighter about his low attendance.

LIVE BURN GUIDELINES

Board members reviewed a list of guidelines for live burn training based on Chapter 4 of NFPA 1403. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Day wanted to know if Auburn has a policy in place for the use of their

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training tower. The Board would like to review Auburn's policy before making a decision on one for Millbury. Auburn Fire will be contacted.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Rudge said the company officers meeting went well. He thought the Board should look into requiring driver training before a recruit is appointed as a regular. Asst. Chief Day said the recruits should be allowed to drive for fuel or when returning from training/alarms. This will give them on-road experience. It was noted that "liability" fueled the driver-training program. Trainers only have so much time to give and the training was interrupted with the need to train on Rescue 1. The following suggestions were made: shorten the time to get training done; add more driver trainers; allow new members to drive for training, fuel, and returning from alarms; revise the program. Board members agreed to review the driver program and discuss it at a future meeting.
- Board members talked about replacing the small bag at Station 2. There are three bags at the station—a 3000-gallon, a 2200-gallon, and a 1500-gallon. The small bag needs to be replaced. The Board would like to look at the roller the crew wants to install on Engine 4 before any work is done. Asst. Chief Day said the small bag should be replaced because of its convenient size. It could be used as a spare. Estimates for one will be obtained.
- Board members discussed the pager repairs and need for flashlight batteries. Most of the pagers are no longer under warranty and repairs are costly. The Board will wait for a list from each captain.
- Asst. Chief Gasco told the Board that Sutton Fire has a computer program that sends a tone out as a text message to cell phones. There is a 20-second delay in sending the message and the software has a cost of about \$150. He will get more information for the Board to review.
- Chief Rudge gave the following truck maintenance report:
 - Engine 1: gated wye leaking, drive tires need replacing, rear tow bracket needs to be repaired.
 - Scope 1: haligan bar missing, portable 103 out of service.
 - Rescue 1: all set
 - Hose 1: coolant hose on driver's side leaking.
 - Engine 2: Grille at Dizenzo's needs to be installed.
 - Engine 4: rear tank chute is rotted and leaking.
 - Engine 3: generator out of service, driver side rear strobe is out, on-spots not working.
 - Engine 5: no report submitted.
 - Forestry 1: dome light is out.

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- Board members discussed Mill-tex. Asst. Chief Day asked if the fire watch detail was still in effect. He stopped two weeks ago and no one was around. Chief Rudge said he stopped there last week at 8:00 p.m. and someone was there. He will check again. Asst. Chief Gasco wanted to stress that the sprinkler system has always held fires at bay. Now, there is nothing in place. The company is working on repairing the present system and extending the system into the new building.
- Chief Rudge told the Board that Cordis Mills is addressing a faulty flow switch problem. The townhouses are local alarm only. According to the Dept. of Fire Services, this is legal. Because there are no common areas, the alarms do not have to sound in the other units. Asst. Chief Hobin said this is similar to Paul Revere Village and Brierly Pond.
- Chief Rudge said there was good attendance at last week's Open House and thanked everyone for their help.
- Wheelabrator will reschedule a meeting to go over confined space rescue. The meeting set for 10/12/12 was cancelled.
- Board members will travel to Minuteman Truck on 10/18/12 to decide on lettering for Tower 1. This has to be posted as a meeting. Asst. Chief Hobin asked about additional lighting on the back of the bucket to make it more visible. This will be looked into.
- School fire drills will be done next week.
- Chief Rudge needs one more quote for the drawings for Station 2's addition. Asst. Chief Day asked if the Board should look into a metal building with a heater as another option. No decision was made. Asst. Chief Hobin said putting 4" hose (Hose 1) in the east end was not an ideal situation.
- Through a Homeland Security Grant, Millbury is entitled to receive one CO meter and five gas detectors. Asst. Chief Gasco will pick these up on 10/16/12.
- Chief Rudge asked for the Board's thoughts on allowing Station 3 to handle single engine tones in their district. Asst. Chief Hobin was confident that the station could handle it. Overall, responses at the station have increased. Asst. Chief Gasco said the station seems to sign on for all incidents now. Asst. Chief Hobin said if there is a problem the company officer can ask for Engine 5 to be toned. He also asked about having Engine 3 respond to Grafton for mutual aid calls. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to go back to a single engine tone for incidents in Station 3's district. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote.

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- The Board will revisit the mutual aid response in the Spring since Engine 3 does not fit in Grafton's station.
- Asst. Chief Day said the paving at Station 5 is complete. The Board is waiting for an invoice.
 - Lt. Krumsiek still needs to turn in his old uniform.
 - The resident at 33 Sutton Road has not paid the fine for illegal burning. Asst. Chief Day will follow up.
 - Asst. Chief Day is working on revising the Funeral Policy.
 - Uxbridge Fire is interested in the hose washer/dryer. Asst. Chief Hobin will arrange for Chief Kessler to view the equipment. It was mentioned that the hose dryer does not work.
 - The generator at Fire HQ still needs to be converted to gas.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco will get a quote to repair the top of Rescue 1.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco reported the ID cards should be ready soon. Ray Meade will bring the equipment to Fire HQ when the cards are distributed. Anyone who changed rank or was not available the first time can have a picture taken. New cards will be available immediately.
 - Some minor items on Rescue 1 still need to be addressed.
 - Rescue 1's new thermal imager still needs to be installed.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton arrived at the meeting at this time. He reported that he has three spare pagers on hand and spare batteries for the flashlights. He also has six or eight yellow flashlights that he is using for parts.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton received a quote of \$4371 to repair the ladder rack system on Engine 3. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he could purchase two timed pistons for about \$500 and do the work himself. Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to purchase the pistons and have the Town Mechanic install them. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Hamilton will look into fabricating storage for the hard suction.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin would like to replace two small windows in the meeting room at Station 3 with energy efficient windows. This will complete the replacement of all windows at the station. Steven Piscitelli will be asked to provide a quote for the work.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin would like to have an energy audit done at Station 3. Board members agreed.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton will contact Direccion's to arrange to have the grille on Engine 2 installed.
 - Pete's Tire Barn provided a quote of \$2,222 for four drive tires for Engine 1. They are a vendor on the State's Bid List. Asst. Chief

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Hamilton made a motion to purchase four drive tires for Engine 1 from Pete's Tire Barn. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.

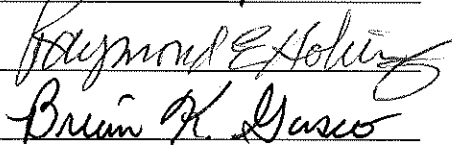
- Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested a stainless steel chute for Engine 4. Chief Rudge would like to look into an electric chute. Estimates will be obtained for both.
- A meeting of the Relief Association will be held on October 29, 2012.

Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.





Raymond E. Holley



Brian K. Gasco

Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk