

# MINUTES

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

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Date: November 3, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: None

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Minutes from 10/20/14 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

### **6:45 P.M.-INTERVIEW-JOSEPH CURBOY**

Joseph Curboy met with the Board to review his application for membership. Chief Rudge explained about the Fire Department and the commitment. All Engineers asked questions. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Mr. Curboy as a recruit-in-training pending a physical exam, drug screening, physical ability test, and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. Mr. Curboy will be assigned to Headquarters.

### **S.O.G. #23 DRESS UNIFORM GUIDELINE**

Board members reviewed changes to the Dress Uniform Guideline. A clause needs to be added that is more specific about a "badge" (whether it is metal, sewn-in, etc.). The item with the badge on it becomes a uniform piece and is regulated by the policy.

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

- Chief Rudge told the Board that the Mass. Firefighting Academy will not be holding recruit training classes in January.
- Chief Rudge reported Steelcraft was shut down because of a wiring issue inside the building. The Building Inspector was involved with this.
- The fire alarm box at Barrday malfunctioned. They were instructed to repair it.
- Drenzo's was waiting for parts for Engine 4. The work should be done tomorrow.
- There has been no meeting of the Public Safety Building Sighting Committee.
- Chief Rudge updated the Board on the Dog Park at the Butler Farm. A clean-up detail will be held on November 29, 2014 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets will be sent to each station.
- Notice will be sent to the dispatchers to remind them that Engine 5 is to be toned for mutual aid calls to Grafton.
- The Board talked about the new fire code going into effect on January 1, 2015. DFS will use NFPA 1 (2012 edition) with some amendments. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to purchase one NFPA 1 handbook for the office. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.

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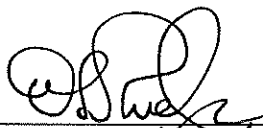
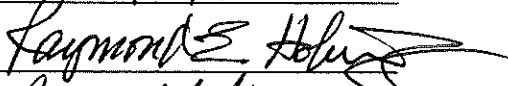

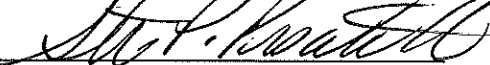
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Chief Rudge asked if those who took the training classes could train someone else. Chiefs Hamilton and Gasco felt they could walk someone through the procedures.

- Asst. Chief Hamilton gave an update on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant class he took and discussed what we will apply for in the next round. Specifically, 1. A new forestry truck; 2. New hose, nozzles, and hydrant valves; and 3. Maybe a regional grant.
- There has been no reply from Mr. Spain concerning changing the name of the Fire Department's LOSAP.
- The Board discussed the fire alarm wire to the schools on Elmwood Street and a permanent solution for the circuit.
- Asst. Chief Hobin has a pump test scheduled for those needing it.
- Asst. Chief Gasco is working on the new boat. He is also checking the cold water rescue suits for repairs.
- The 4-cycle gas has been distributed to all stations.
- The wrong part came in for Engine 5's generator.
- The overhead door repairs at Fire HQ are almost complete.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton brought up the Emergency Management Agency using radios on the fire department's frequency with no ID's. Chief Rudge will speak to EMA director Steven Kosiba.
- Asst. Chief Hobin questioned the use of the multi-alarm run cards. He was told the dispatchers have begun to use them and they were used for the Autumn Gate fire.
- The Board reviewed specs for the SCBA's. Changes were made.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30p.m.

  
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