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Date: November 5, 2012 Time: 6:30 p.m.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hamilton,
Asst. Chief Hobin, Asst. Chief Gasco
Absent: None

Minutes from October 15, 2012 were approved. Invoices were signed.
Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:45 P.M.-INTERVIEW-NATHANIEL PRATT

Nathaniel Pratt met with the Board to review his application for membership. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Pratt as a recruit in training contingent upon a successful physical exam, drug screening, C.O.R.I. report, physical ability test, and completion of payroll forms. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Day and carried on a 5-0 vote. Pratt will be assigned to Fire HQ.

7:00 P.M.-LADIES AUXILIARY-FIELD DAY

Pam Kosiba, Marie Kosiba, Heather Newlands, Susan Hamilton, and Tracey LaVallee met with the Board to review the annual field day. The Ladies Auxiliary is interested in continuing the field day but the group wants to see some changes made. The group suggested the following:

1. Appoint a new coordinator or form a committee to approve all vendors/entertainers participating,
2. Down-size the event and use local performers,
3. No vendors are to be paid on the day of the event,
4. All payments are to be made by check and not cash,
5. Better organize the events so they aren't going on at the same time.

Pam Kosiba said there are other guidelines the Auxiliary must follow as well. Discussion took place. It was agreed to continue the Field Day, appoint a Field Day Committee that would hold structured meetings, downsize the event, and change the schedule of performers.

The group also asked for permission to use Fire HQ on 12/2/12 for the Chain-of-Lights. Board members approved the request. The Ladies told the Board that a holiday party would be held in January. They also asked about the size of the icemaker for Station 2. Board members agreed something small would be fine. The Board thanked the Ladies for their hard work and support.

8:00 P.M.-FF. TIM CLUETT

FF. Tim Cluett asked to meet with the Board because he is looking for answers regarding the field day. FF. Cluett questioned why he wasn't

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asked to participate in meetings concerning the field day. As the coordinator, he felt he should have been involved. A lengthy discussion took place. Board members agreed that FF. Cluett did an awesome job and they appreciated his hard work. But, due to some concerns and complaints, the Board agreed it was time to put the past behind us, start fresh, and move on. FF. Cluett was told a Field Day Committee would be formed to approve and organize the performers and events. Chief Rudge told FF. Cluett that, "nothing is to be booked until he hears from the Board".

FF. Cluett said he would also like to address why he did not get the lieutenant's position on Rescue 1. He felt he had the experience and the training and asked Asst. Chief Hamilton and Asst. Chief Gasco how they could say he was not qualified. Before either chief could respond, Chief Rudge asked FF. Cluett if he had followed the chain-of-command. FF. Cluett replied he thought he did. Chief Rudge told him "you didn't". Chief Rudge said FF. Cluett should have gone to his company captain-then to his assistant chiefs-and then to the Board. He was told to follow the chain-of-command. FF. Cluett left the meeting at this time.

Asst. Chief Day questioned why FF. Cluett had to follow the chain-of-command. Chief Rudge said because FF. Cluett specifically singled out the two chiefs from Fire HQ-he should have addressed it with them before coming to the Board. Asst. Chief Day commented that the Board made the appointment and felt FF. Cluett had the right to come to the Board. Asst. Chief Hamilton said that not once did FF. Cluett come to him after the appointment was made. Asst. Chief Hamilton was expecting FF. Cluett to ask him why he wasn't supported, but was never contacted. Asst. Chief Gasco also said he expected FF. Cluett would come to him-but he never did. Asst. Chief Day said he does not wait for someone to come to him-he goes to them to explain his decisions. No further discussion took place.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- The new Tower will be in Town on 11/9/12 for training. HQ's personnel will be trained on the operation of the new truck on 11/9, 11/10, and 11/11. Certain members from Station 2 & Station 5 will be included. Tower 1 will be housed at the highway barn and will go back to Walpole on 11/12 for final details. Pierce is expecting payment when the truck is delivered.
- Board members discussed disposing of the Aerialscope. Chief Rudge suggested setting a minimum value for the truck and

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informing the Selectmen that bids should start at that amount.

Board members agreed.

- The Board agreed to move Hose 1 to Station 2 tonight. The truck fits in the station with little room to spare. A notice will be sent to the dispatchers informing them of the change.
- Chief Rudge looked at the roller Station 2 wants to install on Engine 4. He had no problem with it. Board members agreed to allow the crew to install the roller.
- Station 2 would like permission to paint the office and foyer. Board members approved the request.
- Wheelabrator still needs to set up a meeting for confined space training.
- Chief Rudge received three proposals for providing the drawings for the addition to Station 2. They are as follows: J R Associates quoted \$9,000; Alpha Omega quoted \$11,000; Dixon-Salo quoted \$27,500. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to award the project to J R Associates. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. The Capital Outlay budget is \$6000 for this project. The balance will be taken from the regular budget.
- Chief Rudge informed the Board that 14 guys need some form of training/testing to complete driver training. Lt. Lahair will be asked to schedule a training class. The Board talked about allowing newer members to drive when returning from a call, or for training sessions, or for fuel. No final decision was made.
- Auburn Fire provided a copy of their live burn guidelines. This will be reviewed and brought up for discussion at a later meeting.
- Chief Rudge read the following fire alarm report submitted by Gordon Siebenhaar: "Pole transfers on South Main St. pole 15 and 18 were done. Box testing still ongoing. The alarm panel cards came back from LW Bills. The cards were installed and tested, and are working properly. All circuits are testing good at present time." Siebenhaar asked to be notified when pole transfers are done. Verizon will be asked to notify the Fire Department when pole transfers are done so the fire alarm wires can be moved.
- An invoice for the paving at Station 5 has not been received.
- Lt. Krumsiek's uniform is at Station 5. It needs to be brought to Fire HQ.
- Asst. Chief Day will address the illegal burn at 33 Sutton Road when he returns from vacation.
- Asst. Chief Day said he reviewed the Funeral Policy and found it does not need to be revised-it just needs to be followed. The Policy indicates a truck is to be offered for an active or former firefighter

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- only. Chief Rudge said he checked with another department and was told a truck is used only for firefighters. Board members agreed to follow the policy.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton will get an estimate for the chute and extension on Engine 4.
 - FF. Brian Dalton was given a new set of gear. His old gear will go to Ed Lyons Fire for inspection and repair.
 - Connie Madigan will be contacted for training on the new camera on Rescue 1.
 - The imager for Rescue 1 can be installed now that the map box has been installed.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton received two pistons for Engine 3's ladder rack. He will install them soon.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton will arrange to bring Engine 2 to Dorenzo's so the new grille can be installed.
 - The Board is waiting for Capt. Silver to submit a list of RIT equipment needed for Station 2.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin is waiting to hear from Uxbridge Fire regarding the hose washer/dryer. The dryer does not work.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin asked Steven Piscitelli for an estimate to replace three windows at Station 3.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin will schedule an energy audit for Station 3.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco had no additional information on computer software that would re-send a tone as a text message.
 - Fire Department ID's are not available yet.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco told the Board that the Central Mass. Regional Planning Committee may have additional funds for more gas detectors. Millbury was given one multi-gas detector and 3-CO detectors. The Board would like one more CO detector so each engine company has one. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to place the multi-gas detector on Rescue 1 and give the present one to Station 2. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Day and carried on a 5-0 vote. Asst. Chief Gasco will do the training on the detector.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton asked that a thank you be sent to Coppola Landscaping for the good job they did at Fire HQ. Board members agreed.
 - Asst. Chief Hamilton revised the tracking form for protective clothing. The form includes an annual inspection of all gear. Board members reviewed and approved the new form.
 - Asst. Chief Hobin asked about the on-spots on Engine 3. Asst. Chief Hamilton said he will order the solenoid and do the repair.


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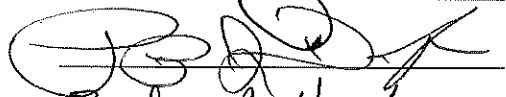
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Asst. Chief Day made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.





Richard P. Hawk

Raymond E. Hobin Jr

Brian K. Gasco

Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk