

Town of Newbury  
Board of Fire Engineers  
Minutes of Meeting December 16, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Town of Newbury Board of Fire Engineers was called to order by Chief William Pearson at 19:11 hours at the Newbury Station with the following members present: William Pearson, Douglas Janvrin, Jr., Douglas Janvrin, Sr., Timothy Wareham, Robert Dash, Nate Walker and Justin Webb.

Motion made by Timothy Wareham and 2nd by Justin Webb to waive the reading of the minutes from November 18, 2013 until the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Connors and Frank Remley addressed the Board regarding the proposed new engine for the Protection 2 station. The question arose as to whether or not this is an emergency or can it wait until the Annual Town Meeting in May. Captain Wareham states that the mechanic states the current Engine 10 will only last at the most another year. A discussion followed regarding the logistics of the Town purchasing an engine for the Company. Chief Pearson states that Protection 2 is still available for mutual aid and has never been without a pump or an ambulance. The Chief also states he would rather have the money put into the flat rate each year to purchase an engine rather than the Town having to make the purchase. Captain Janvrin suggested a lease program with money being put into the flat rate each year to accommodate the lease payments. Captain Wareham spoke about Engine 10 stating that it may not be a dire emergency, but each Station should have 2 engines. A problem responding to a recent mutual aid run to Salisbury was discussed by Captain Wareham. Engine 10 being taken out of service was discussed. Deputy Janvrin states that although he supports replacing Engine 10 with a new engine, he would be reluctant to declare it an emergency while the current Engine 10 is still in service. Motion made by Nate Walker and 2nd by Justin Webb to declare the replacement of Engine 10 an emergency. Motion failed 3 to 2 with one member abstaining. Letter to be written to Selectmen requesting a new replacement engine for Engine 10 as soon as possible.

The proposed radio box system was discussed. Robert Connors states that there will be a study conducted of the entire fire alarm system.

Public Safety Complex: T.A. Tracy Blais submitted a packet to the Board of Fire Engineers regarding the proposed Public Safety Facility. T.A. Blais states that the presentation which was given at the last Selectmen's meeting is available on You Tube. Chief Pearson states that he was at the last Selectmen's meeting and viewed the presentation.

Chief Pearson states he spoke with Deputy Ziehler regarding renumbering the box at Newbury Village. Consensus of the Board to change the box to number to 23 instead of 723.

Chief Pearson would like to send a thank-you letter to Deputy Police Chief Lucy for his recent assistance at the fire alarm pole transfer on Rolfe' s Lane.

Chief Pearson states that several requests have been made by neighbors on Morgan Avenue to attend the Board of Fire Engineers meetings to discuss the sounding of the air horns. They have been put on the agendas, but so far have yet to attend.

Motion made by Timothy Wareham and 2nd by Nate Walker to change box number 723 to box number 23. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Pearson spoke about bomb scares and lockdown procedures. Instead of calling the Chief, the Police will be notifying the appropriate precinct Fire Station. That Station should notify the Chief. If the Chief is unavailable, a Deputy Chief should be notified. If both Deputy Chiefs are unavailable, then a Captain or Lieutenant should be notified. The responding officer is to respond with the police to investigate and make a combined decision regarding any further action to be taken.

Mandatory retirement was discussed. The original job description written by Town Council is to be submitted. The description was read by Chief Pearson.

Budget: Flat rate may increase next fiscal year. Budget is to be made out at the next meeting.

Training - Chief Pearson would like to cancel December's combined training due to the upcoming holiday. Possibly ice rescue and air bag training for January.

The annual Bon Fire is to be held on January 11, 2014. A letter has been sent in to DEP and an email has been sent to Andy Reagan from the Forestry Department.

Automatic responses were discussed. Chief Pearson states that during the night and weekend hours, the other precinct is to respond to the precinct with the incident only if there is a confirmed structure fire. The weekday response protocol is unchanged.

Captain Wareham questioned the overtime by-law recently brought to the Board's attention by the Town. Deputy Janvrin explained the by-law and how the Fire Department has changed it's reporting procedures.

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn at 21:58 hours. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Janvrin, Jr.  
Clerk  
Board of Fire Engineers