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

Date: June 3, 2019

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Piscitelli,
Asst. Chief Silver

Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco (Working)

Minutes from 5/20/19 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW -ALEX NEWLANDS

Alex Newlands met with the Board to review his application for membership. Mr. Newlands is a member of the Explorer Post and is the son of Capt. Newlands. The Board was glad to have him join and asked if he could work with his father. Mr. Newlands said yes. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to appoint Alex Newlands as a recruit-in-training pending a successful physical exam, drug-screening test, physical ability test, and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote. Mr. Newlands will be assigned to Headquarters.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

This will be held until a full Board is present.

SECOND ACCESS ROAD-CLEAR VIEW TERRACE

The Board reviewed a letter from John Todd Miles, Park Hill Avenue, about a second access road to the Clear View Terrace project proposed for the former golf club. Mr. Miles asked the landowners and developers to consider a second access to the project. Mr. Miles suggested using this if the Park Hill Bridge is ever closed or a traffic accident causes limited access to Park Hill Avenue. Chief Hamilton told the Board that there are two entrances/exits to the project shown on the proposal. Also, Chief Hamilton felt this was outside the scope of the Board's authority. District Chief Rudge commented this was the Planning Board's jurisdiction. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Miles indicating the proposed plans conform to State and Local codes and requirements for access roads. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote. A public hearing will be held on 6/10/19. Chief Hamilton will attend.

PRE-INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Board members looked over different styles & colors of uniform hash marks. One suggestion was to use gold for chiefs, silver for officers, and red

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for firefighters. No final decision was made.

- FF. Stevens submitted a letter of retirement effective June 3, 2019. At this time, his doctor will not allow him to return to active duty. In addition, he will be moving out of state shortly. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to accept FF. Stevens' resignation with regret. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Town Counsel is reviewing the contract for the new engine. The truck cannot be ordered until the contract is signed.
- The Board is expecting to receive \$25,000 from the State for public safety. Thermal imagers for SCBA and a gear dryer will be ordered when the funds are received.
- Madison Adams received her driver's license. She will be asked to meet with the Board on 6/17/19 to review her application for membership.
- Chief Hamilton will attend a meeting in Sutton to review the plan to close Singletary Avenue/West Sutton Road for a week while repairs are made to the underground culverts. Chief Hamilton will keep the Board updated.
- The Department of Fire Services will receive state funds for turn out gear (\$500,000) and gear extractors (\$420,000). Chief Hamilton is waiting for details on how the funds will be distributed to individual fire departments.
- The Human Resource Director asked each department for their FY20 goals. Chief Hamilton watched a power point presentation on preparing the goals. He felt it was not necessary for the Fire Department to complete this request. He stated, "We are aware of our goals". Discussion took place. The Board agreed that they report to the Board of Selectmen and not the Town Manager. They also questioned what this would gain the fire department or the Town. Based on this, Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion that the Fire Chief not respond to the request for FY20 goals. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Chief Hamilton will attend a meeting at Wheelabrator to review confined spaces. John Martin from District 7's Tech Team, Sutton's Fire Chief and District Chief will also attend. Wheelabrator has offered the use of their facility for confined space drills.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked if OSHA closed the investigation into the technical rescue incident at Wheelabrator. Chief Hamilton was not sure if the case was closed. He felt Wheelabrator would be fined, but the fire department will be exempt.
- Chief Hamilton spoke with Bob Dunn from DEP about the oil release at 237 West Main Street that happened in January 2019. Mr. Dunn said the DEP is very short staffed and the case was "put aside". If the homeowner can clean up the area, DEP will take no further action. CK Smith is working with the homeowner to remedy the situation.

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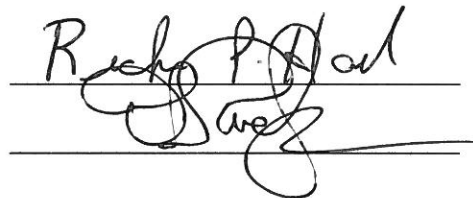
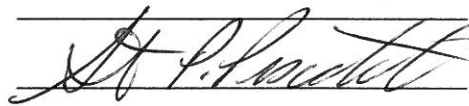
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- Chief Hamilton looked into the permit needed for the bon fire on Dorothy Pond. The applicant must be an organization and not an individual person. If the Dorothy Pond Association applies for the permit, Chief Hamilton will move it forward.
- The Board reviewed guidelines for the use of a chiminea, fire pit, or fireplace. If used in a public area, a fire department permit will be needed. For use in a private yard-no permit is needed. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to accept the guidelines. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote. The guidelines will be posted on the Fire Department's web page.
- Pictures will be taken on 6/10/19 for those still needing an ID.
- Chief Hamilton suggested doing an actual folding bag drill on 6/24/19 rather than just a review of the operations.
- Asst. Chief Silver would like to order a gear rack and a shop vac for Station 3 if funds are available at the end of the fiscal year. If not, he would like to have the items purchased as the start of the new fiscal year.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:25.

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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk