

# MINUTES

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

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Date: October 7, 2019 Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Present: Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief  
Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver  
Absent: Chief Hamilton (leave of absence)

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Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Chief Hamilton notified the office on 10/2/19 that he was requesting a leave of absence and wanted Deputy Chief Rudge to be put in charge of the fire department. Based on this, Deputy Chief Rudge said he felt the Board needed to put someone in place as an acting chief until Chief Hamilton returns. Asst. Chief Gasco agreed that there needs to be someone in charge. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said someone needs to be in charge to handle day-to-day issues. Asst. Chief Silver also agreed. Asst. Chief Gasco then made a motion to appoint David Rudge as the acting chief until Chief Hamilton returns and to give Chief Hamilton a leave of absence. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote.

### REVIEW QUARTERLIES

Quarterly reports were reviewed. Asst. Chief Silver said Station 3's looked good- responses were good. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the lieutenant's attendance at Station 5 was low. The Board agreed to let this ride for now. Asst. Chief Gasco was satisfied with the attendance at Fire HQ. Acting Chief Rudge was satisfied with the attendance at Station 2.

### EXPLORER POST UPDATE

Asst. Chief Silver is putting something together for the Explorer Post. He wants to change it to Junior Firefighters that would be overseen by the Fire Department.

### PRE INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Asst. Chief Silver contacted the family who had concerns about their child playing with matches. He left a message but got no response.
- Acting Chief Rudge spent Sunday going over Tower 1 with its crew. Chief Rudge asked FF. Roy for a list of items that were reviewed by the Minuteman technician. The Board agreed that everyone needs to know how to run the truck properly. Discussion about short jacking took place. The Board agreed that the truck is to be set-up 100% unless told to do otherwise.

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- Engine 3's gas detector needs to be calibrated. The calibration unit is not working properly. Asst. Chief Gasco will check on this.
- Asst. Chief Silver said everything is set for the Open House except for the pizza. He will work on this tomorrow.
- The Selectmen will present a plaque to retired Capt. King on 10/8/19. All members are invited to attend.
- Chief Hamilton was scheduled to give a report to the Selectmen on 10/8/19 concerning the status of the fire department. Acting Chief Rudge felt he was not prepared to give this report. He needed more time to review the grant information and other items before being able to do this. The Selectmen's Office will be notified.
- The school will hold an A.L.I.C.E. drill on 10/10/19. Asst. Chief Piscitelli will have command for the fire department.
- Surrounding towns will be notified that Tower 1 is back in service.
- Lt. Rick LaVallee will be honored later tonight for his actions when a golfer was hit in the head by a golf ball. Lt. LaVallee did not hesitate to use his first responder training and stop the flow of blood from the head wound possibly saving the man's life.
- McCracken Road (short end) will be closed on 10/15, 10/16, and 10/17 from 7 to 4 for tree removal.
- The Board discussed the issue of when a recruit is allowed to ride on a truck. Asst. Chief Gasco said he remembered this being brought up at a previous meeting but no action was taken. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion that a recruit cannot ride on a truck until they take and pass the physical exam and physical ability test, and are instructed on how to ride the truck by the company captain. Asst. Chief Silver made a second to the motion, and it carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said the leaks in the hydraulic system on Rescue 1 were repaired. He said the system is leaking again. Acting Chief Rudge will contact the company that did the repairs.
- Asst. Chief Silver said the CO meter (green meter) from Engine 3 is not working. He will put his MSA meter on the truck until the other is fixed.
- Asst. Chief Silver told the Board that the Fire Marshal's Office should be notified whenever arson is suspected regardless of the size of the fire. This relates to the fire that occurred at the old Station 2 on West Main Street.
- Asst. Chief Silver will draw up a schedule for school fire prevention visits.
- The Ladies Auxiliary requested the use of Fire HQ on 10/15/19 for their meeting. The Board approved the request.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 20:05.

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