

# MINUTES

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

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Date: June 15, 2020

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: None

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Invoices were signed. Minutes from 6/1/20 were approved. Mail was read.  
Account balances were reviewed.

Deputy Chief Rudge will retire from the Millbury Fire Department on June 30, 2020 with 47-years of service. Chief Hamilton offered Deputy Chief Rudge the opportunity to conduct tonight's meeting. Deputy Chief Rudge declined.

### **UPDATE ON NEW TRUCKS**

Officers from Fire HQ and Station 3 went with Chief Hamilton last Tuesday to view/inspect the new trucks. Chief Hamilton returned to the site on Friday and brought mounting brackets to be installed. He said Beltronics did a good job with the radios. He expects lettering to be done next week.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Six restaurants have applied for permits to provide outdoor service. The Fire Chief, Police Chief, Building Inspector and Board of Health agent are doing the required inspections.
- The water lines in the center of Town are being replaced. The lines along Elm Street will be replaced sometime next week. This will cause some buildings to be without water on certain days. Aquarion is updating town departments as the work continues.
- Jake Shamaly has completed his Eagle Scout Project at Station 3. Chief Hamilton said he did excellent work renovating the wash room. Part of the project included installing a drop ceiling and removing hanging wires.
- Station 2 is still waiting for the manufacturer to check the new dryer. It is not working.
- MSA has scheduled air pac testing for August 6 and August 7, 2020. Testing was delayed because of COVID 19. Thermal imagers will be installed in two more pacs at that time.
- Recruit Alex Newlands will start the Call/Volunteer Training Class on 6/29/20. He must provide COVID 19 test results prior to that date.
- Town Meeting has been scheduled for June 23, 2020 at the High School.
- The Town Manager made cuts to the Fire Department's budget as follows: \$5,000 from Expenses and \$7,900 from Salaries.

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- The Board of Selectmen appointed Francis King to the Board of Fire Engineers effective 7/1/20. The Engineers will address the captain's position at Station 2 at that time.
- Chief Hamilton updated the Board on the grow facility moving into 12 Latti Farm Road. He met with Jake Nunnemacher to review the extinguishing system needed. The only concern was the amount of ethanol to be stored on site.
- Lt. Cadrin is drawing up a list of mounting brackets needed for the new Engine 1. Capt. Swenson has a list of tools to be mounted in the new Engine 3. Both trucks will have an identical set up. Tool boards will be installed in certain compartments in both trucks.
- Ranger Automation's new building (formerly NENSCO) will not be sprinklered. The original proposal was to install a sprinkler system. Chief Hamilton will speak with the owner about this.
- Deputy Chief Rudge wanted to confirm the dates of the Town Meeting and Annual Election. Chief Hamilton said the Town Meeting will be held on 6/23 and the Election held on 6/30/20.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked if the article for design plans for the new fire station was on the Warrant. Chief Hamilton thought it was but would confirm this. Deputy Chief Rudge asked what the status of the Committee would be if the article was approved. Chief Hamilton was not sure since the Committee charge was to site the building.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked that Osterman Propane be contacted and have the Fire Department removed from automatic delivery. When empty, the tank near the Ambulance Bay should be removed and replaced.
- Asst. Chief Gasco confirmed that Lt. Cadrin was putting together a list of brackets for the new truck.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said he would not be able to attend Town Meeting due to a previous commitment.
- Asst. Chief Silver told the Board that Capt. Newlands did some of the Facebook posts and he's done a good job.
- Deputy Chief Rudge wanted to thank the Board for all their support. He said the time went by quick. He enjoyed his time with the Fire Department especially working with the current Board. He said the Department was moving in the right direction with apparatus replacement and training. Everyone was doing a great job. Asst. Chief Gasco thanked Dave for his service and said it was an honor to work with him. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said it was a privilege to work with Dave and it has been a great ride. Asst. Chief Silver said Dave will be missed and that it was a privilege to know and work with Dave. In closing, Chief Hamilton said both personally and professionally, it was an honor to work with Dave. He said this group

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works well together and he thanked Dave for all his guidance and dedication to the town. It will be a tough loss for the Fire Department when Deputy Chief David J. Rudge retires.

Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to adjourn at 19:30.

Reuben P. Hall  
Brian K. Grace  
St. P. Kuntz  
Robert S. B.  
Francis B. King  
BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS  
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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk