

# **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION**

## **Regular Meeting**

**January 11, 2021**

### **“MINUTES”**

**Present:** Darin Hurne, Phil Visintainer, Brett Salafia, and Eric Germain.

**Absent:** Darius Ledas

**Others Present:** Fire Chief Greg Voelker, Fire Marshal Rich Klotzbier, and Marty Swan.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. virtual meeting on Zoom.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of the Minutes:** *A motion was made Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting minutes with no changes. Voted 3-0-1 in favor with Mr. Visintainer abstaining.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Approval of bills/budget report:** *6 sets of gear need to be ordered from Firematic to replace expired gear. A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to approve of the purchase of 6 sets of gear in the amount of \$17,300 out of capital account 23010. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the purchase of 4 helmets in the amount of \$1,200 out of operating budget account 5652. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

*A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the purchase of 4 SCBA bottles not to exceed \$5,000 out of capital budget account 23118. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

It was suggested that the Fire Department subscribe to an online training model. It would possibly be \$5,000 a year. The fees for the model would come out of account 5319. Since COVID-19 the trainings had decreased due to proximity and number of attendees. But with the online training model the number of training events can be restored to normal. There should be 10-12 training events a year. The model can have 50 members log on to use, but if that number increases the price will also increase. The Fire Chief will investigate further and bring more details for next month's meeting.

**Fire Marshal Report:** See Attached.

**Fire Chief Report:** See Attached.

**Communications:** None.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Dry Hydrants Follow Up:** There may be an opening in the beginning of February for the company to come and fix the standpipes in the lake. They would need to get in the lake before the weather changes and the lake freezes over. The company will be working on 6 standpipes in the lake and 1 pipe on Chestnut Hill.
- b. AC Upgrade Status:** The project has cleared the building permit. But the project needs to go before the Town Council for approval since the dollar amount went over the limit.
- c. Budget Discussion:** The new Fire Department software is costing more than originally thought. It was suggested to adjust how much money will go into the training and software account for the next budget. A discussion with the finance director about some of the accounts would be needed to clear some confusion. The members discussed getting two tankers at the same time rather than getting them separately. Buying two at once could come with some cost savings and benefits.

### **New Business**

- a. FMO: Fire Lane request:** The Fire Marshal wants to create a fire lane where the hydrant is located for ease of access for firefighters and during emergencies. This is the hydrant across the street from Po's Rice and Spice in the Village Center. *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the fire lane as proposed by the Fire Marshal. Voted 4-0 in favor.*
- b. NFIRS Designee Issue:** The state contacted asking about designees for the NFIRS reports. There are no names to contact in the town's information page. It was decided to have the Fire Chief and Marty Swan as the contact people for the state. *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Germain, to nominate the Fire Chief and Marty Swan as contact people for the state pertaining to the NFIRS reports. Voted 4-0 in favor.*
- c. Any other new business:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Salafia, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk

Administrative Assistant