

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

September 12, 2022

“MINUTES”

Present: Brett Salafia, Phil Visintainer, and Darin Hurne.

Absent: Darius Ledas and Eric Germain

Others Present: Marty Swan, JJ Burke, and Paul Owen.

Call to Order: Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Company #1 firehouse.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of the Minutes

- a. August 8, 2022:** *A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to approve the August 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: Mr. Salafia wanted to congratulate and thank the Fire Department on the success of the fireworks. They were a huge hit with the residents and community in town.

Approval of bills/budget report: The Ladder truck needed a new tire since a rock was lodged in the tire and eventually punctured the tire. The tire was patched but Mr. Swan wanted to order new tires for the truck. Oasis, in East Hartford, was the company that patched the tire and where the new tires were ordered from. The new tires should be delivered in a week. *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Hurne, to purchase four new tires for the Ladder truck not to exceed \$4,500. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Fire Marshal Report: See attached

Fire Chief Report: See attached

Communications: None

Unfinished Business

- a. Dry Hydrants Follow Up:** Core Tech is coming this Thursday to investigate inside the Hyde Park water tank. They were the company that inspected the Memorial School water tanks. The fire department are almost finished testing the dry hydrants in town. One hydrant was unfixable, so the hydrant is now out of service. The fire department will keep an annual check of the usable hydrants in town.

- b. Letter to Town Manager Update:** The letter with the attachments have been sent to the Town Manager. It was acknowledged as being received. No other response was given by the Town Manager.
- c. Boat:** The fire department is waiting for the motor to come in and be installed for the boat to be completed.
- d. Fire Safety Trailer:** The Colchester Fire Department made an offer to buy the educational trailer. One stipulation of selling the trailer was that the fire department could still use and have access to the trailer. The department voted on getting rid of the trailer at their August department meeting. Colchester was hoping to use the educational trailer for an event they're hosting on October 7th. The members brought up various sides and opinions about the trailer and what to do with the trailer. The members decided to leave the topic on the agenda for next month's meeting to discuss further. *A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to let Colchester use the trailer for their October 7th event. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

New Business

- a. Budget Concerns for next year:** Chairman Salafia recommended the members think about budget concerns for the next fiscal year's capital and operating budget. A suggestion for a new Engine or Rescue vehicle was brought up. Adding more money onto the gear account for next year's budget. Changing the furnace at Company 3 to propane from gas was another suggestion to put into the budget for a request. An upgrade to the computer system, CPR pumper, and suction gear should be added to the budget request as well.
- b. Any other new business:** The members discussed a few possible sites in town for the possible future site of the new Fire Department building. One site, 21 Skinner Street, was brought up by Mr. Visintainer as a possible great location for the Fire Department building. The property is up for sale again. It used to be a factory for multiple businesses. The members will review the possible locations and discuss more with the Fire Chief and the fire department membership. The members decided to change the regular meeting start time to 7:30 P.M. for the rest of the year.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Chairman Salafia, seconded by Mr. Hurne, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk