

# Town of Suffield



Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – March 11, 2014

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: P. Christian, G. Bland, Jerry Mahoney, R. Gemme and Chief Flynn.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Secretary's Report

**Christian moved, Gemme seconded to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

## Financial Reports

**Christian moved, Mahoney seconded to approve the year to date financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.**

## Correspondence

A letter has been received from Richard Gorski informing the Chief and the Commission of his retirement from the Suffield Fire Department effective March 22, 2014.

## Public Comment

None

## Calls & Activities

The Commission reviewed the report for February 2014. Chief Flynn also stated that there had been a kitchen fire on Sheldon Street a few hours before this meeting and that twenty firefighters had responded. He also discussed an oil spill requiring hazmat clean up on Thrall Avenue a few days ago.

## Old Business

- Job Specifications – Director of Human Resources has posted the job openings as of March 4. Closing date will be April 4. The state fire academy is developing a written test for interviewees. An oral exam will also be given.
- Engine 2 – No action. Once the weather warms up, the Chief would like to empty the water from the tanks and park the truck in the Public Works yard, until some decision is made by the Town as to its disposition.
- Mission Statement – this item is tabled until the April Commission meeting.

- High School – The pump house piping has passed initial testing.

**New Business**

None

Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment

- All apparatus is up to date on maintenance.
- Stations are up to date on maintenance.

**Other**

Commissioner Bland thanked the Department for their participation in the wake and memorial service for Elaine O'Brien, Town Clerk and State Representative.

**Personnel**

Retirement of Richard Gorski, effective March 22, 2014.

**Fire Marshal Report**

The last few days have been spend at Suffield High School overseeing the pump house project.

**Adjournment**

Christian motioned, Mahoney seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Bland  
Secretary

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