

## **Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – February 9, 2009**

Chair Hackenyos called the meeting to order at the Main Firehouse at 7:04 p.m.

Present: F. Hackenyos, B. Quagliaroli, R. Gemme, G. Bland, and Chief Bellmore.

### **Secretary's Report**

Quagliaroli moved, Bland seconded to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Reports**

The Commission reviewed the report for January 2009. Discussion focused on the Maintenance of Vehicles line item.

### **Calls & Activities**

The Commission reviewed the Calls and Activities Reports for January 2009.

### **Personnel Committee**

- Recruitment & Retention – no action.
- By-Laws & Department Policy Manual – no action
- Substance Abuse Policy– no action.
- Firefighter Positions – no action

### **Budget Committee**

Preliminary 2009/2010 and 2010/2011. Next year's budget has been presented and cuts have been made where possible. Review continues.

### **Chief's Report**

- Traffic Light Preemption Equipment –
  - MHQ has installed the unit on Engine 1
  - New England Communication Systems has to follow up with replacement of switches.
- FY2009 Fire Grant Application – John Leahey is working on the application and will be attending a workshop for further information.
- 2009 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Application – decision to be made as to whether or not to apply for this grant this year.
- Radio Equipment – Chief Bellmore distributed copies of the New England Communication Systems reports on the two options proposed. Work and payments would be done in three phases

### **Other Unfinished Business**

## **New Business**

### **Correspondence**

- Chief Bellmore received a letter regarding Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). New requirements have been added by the International Firefighters Association.
- The final distribution from the Vera M. O'Shaughnessy estate has been received.

### **Other Business**

## **Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment**

### **Vehicles**

- 1980 Pumper Truck – Chief Bellmore anticipates advertising this truck for sale in the spring. Looking for a contact to assist with this.
- Engine 3 rear axle housing – low priority item – on hold at this time.
- Engine 2 – a P.O. has been pulled for the repair of blower drive sleeve & engine governor control. Repair should be done within the next week.
- Rescue 1 – transfer case seal needs repair. No action.
- Update on radio equipment for 4-wheel drive pickup – no action

### **Facilities**

- Parking Lot Lighting for Station 2 - work is complete. The Building Committee will meeting a final time in the spring to wrap up the paperwork.
- Fire Alarm Systems @ Stations 2,3,4 – this is a Public Works project. No action.
- Cox Cable services for Stations 3&4 – completed.

## **Personnel:**

### **Application(s) for Volunteer Membership**

None

### **New Recruits – Status Report**

- Daniel Bartini – is now an active Recruit Firefighter.
- Amanda Thibedeau – currently a Support Firefighter
- Jeffrey Delage – no response to letter.
- Nicholas Fasano – attending Firefighter I class
- Patrick Bucior – no action
- Candice Breslin – dropped out of Firefighter I class. No action.
- Colby Tyler – attending Firefighter I class.
- Jeffrey Delage – no response to letter- dropped from program.
- Zachary Dupuis – in training as an Explorer.
- Ashley Thibedeau – currently an Explorer

**Resignation or Change in Membership Status**

- Eric Daniels – Chief Bellmore has contacted. Will turn in gear by the end of this week

**Other**

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**Executive Session**

Bland moved, Quagliaroli seconded to enter Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

A personnel matter was discussed.

Returned out of Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.

Bland made, Quagliaroli seconded to hold a special meeting on Thursday evening Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be in Executive Session to discuss Grievance: Local # U2009-001-Step -1. Chief to notify the aggrieved and/or their representative of the meeting and to also contact First Selectman Scott Lingenfelter and Joyce Freeney; Director of Human Resources so they have the opportunity to provide the town's position on this issue either in writing or by attending the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Gemme moved, Bland seconded to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson Kehoe  
Secretary pro tem

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