



OXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Office of the Fire Commission

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The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) held in the Oxford Town Hall at 486 Oxford Road, Oxford, CT on Monday, Oct. 20, 2014 are as follows:

The meeting called to order by Assistant Chairman George Hamila at 7:08 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

In attendance: Assistant Chairman George Hamila, Mark Krassner, Joseph Chicoski, Mike Rubin, Chief Scott Pelletier. Absent: Brian Francione, John Downs, Sr., Asst. Chief Ron Prajer, Asst. Chief Andy Coy.

MOTION made to accept the minutes of Sep. 15, 2014 meeting was made by Mike Rubin and seconded by Joseph Chicoski. All were in favor. MOTION carried.

Public Session:

Asst. Chairman Hamila then opened the meeting to the Public. Asst. Chairman Hamila asked three (3) times if anyone from the public would like to speak. Declaring none, the public session was closed.

Communication: None

Committees/Workshops:

Organizational Structure: On hold pending Ordinance

Ordinance: Asst. Chairman Hamila stated that he has heard nothing from the Selectmen on next steps for the Fire Ordinance and added that Chairman Francione had not been provided further guidance as well.

Policy and Procedures: On hold pending Ordinance.

Chiefs/Department Report: Chief Pelletier shared the following:

1. Everything is up and running
2. In the process of finalizing Annual maintenance, last engine out today, ladder out on Nov. 3rd.
3. Letter sent to Board of Selectmen in regards to tires on the Ladder truck up for replacement, requesting additional funds to purchase tires to remain in compliance with NFPA standards.

4. Meeting to be set up for new truck, with delivery probably after the first of the year.
5. Annual fit testing coming up – next week training sessions should be set up.
6. SCBA and Flow testing will be held in December.
7. RIT recertification next month to use old Hanes building on Echo Valley Rd. This building will be available for a month or two to train.
8. Fire Prevention – School visits completed and went well. Thanks to Mark Krassner who ran program this year and provided an excellent program for the kids.
9. Working on Tough computers, had funds to replace one, will probably be able to replace tough computers with I-PADS next year, the goal is to get one in each first line engine as well. The I-Pad also provides a map to the location of the call.
10. Q-class running for new Firefighters that are working on getting licenses to start driving.

Mark Krassner asked if the Chiefs need support for the Ladder tire replacement. Per Chief, a letter from the Board would be appreciated. MOTION made by Mark Krassner to send letter to Board of Selectmen to support the purchase of the tires for the Ladder truck to meet NFPA 7 year replacement standards. Seconded by Mike Rubin. All in favor. MOTION carried.

Unfinished Business: None


New Business: Mark Krassner stated that he thinks the Commission needs to send a letter to all 3 Selectmen to request guidance as the Board has been left in limbo in regards to the Fire Ordinance with a response requested by Selectmen within two weeks of letter. MOTION made by Mark Krassner for a letter to be drafted to all 3 Selectmen requesting they meet with the Board of Fire Commissioners to provide the Board with a sense of direction on how to proceed. Copies to be sent to Commissioners, Captains and Chiefs as well. Seconded by George Hamila. All in favor. MOTION carried.


Public Session: Asst. Chairman Hamila then opened the meeting to the Public. Ed Roman, Bowers Hill Rd. Oxford, CT stated that everyone appreciates everything that has been done serving in their capacity as Commissioners and added that in the future he would be happy to serve to assist in resolving any remaining issues.

Good of the Commission: Asst. Chairman Hamila added that until we get further information from the Selectmen we are left in limbo and we cannot make any further progress until we are provided further direction from the Selectmen.

MOTION made to adjourn meeting made by Mark Krassner and seconded by George Hamila. All in favor. MOTION carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Caruso, Recording Clerk
Board of Fire Commissioners

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