



# OXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT



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OXFORD, CONNECTICUT 06478-1298

## *Office of the Fire Commission*

OXFORD CENTER VOL. FIRE CO.  
QUAKER FARMS VOL. FIRE CO.  
RIVERSIDE VOL. FIRE CO.

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, July 21, 2014 are as follows:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Francione at 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call:**

In attendance: Chairman Brian Francione, John Downs Sr., George Hamila, Mark Krassner, Joseph Chicowski, Chief Scott Pelletier, Asst. Chief Andy Coy, Selectman George Temple and Selectman Jeff Haney. Absent: Mike Rubin, Asst. Chief Ron Prajer, Selectman Dave McCain and Vic Noll.

MOTION made to accept the minutes of June 16, 2014 meeting was made by John Downs, Sr. and seconded by George Hamila. All were in favor. MOTION carried.

### **Public Session:**

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

**Communication:** July 8, 2014: cc from: Board of Fire Chiefs to Board of Selectmen re: Tax Abatement Criteria Rev. 2014.01

### **Committees/Workshops:**

**Organizational Structure:** On hold pending Ordinance

**Ordinance:** Jeff Haney requested the group provide background on Fire Ordinance creation process, as well as the all of the parties who have provided input on the Fire Ordinance. Group discussion ensued detailing the history and all of the parties involved in the creation of the current document. Discussion included the original input from the individual companies as well as the later process of two company representatives from each company attending the Fire Ordinance workshop meetings and assisting with finalization of the current Ordinance and Town Council review and approval. Selectman Haney then suggested to the group that the current Ordinance be moved forward. Chief Pelletier agreed that although he has been provided some feedback that not all of the firefighters are happy, that the current Fire Ordinance process for approval should move forward as well. Selectman Temple also agreed that

the process should also move forward. Further discussion ensued with the group on the process moving forward to implement the Fire Ordinance. Selectman Temple stated the Ordinance as well as the next steps will be discussed further at the next Selectmen's meeting to be held on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Policy and Procedures:** On hold pending Ordinance.

**Chiefs/Department Report:** Chief Pelletier shared the following:

1. Last month has been quiet for alarms.
2. Engine 42 drafting problem, sent out and timing on air primer was adjusted.
3. Rescue 44 – wire changed out.
4. Swan Lake water rescue training.
5. Tax Abatement criteria updated. Currently waiting on Selectmen for acceptance.
6. Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> hose testing.
7. Request from Oxford Greens and Wounded Warriors for the Ladder truck to be on standby on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> for a Fundraiser Golf Tournament in case of inclement weather to drop the ball.
8. Riverside driveway repairs – Contractor currently completing punch list, O and G and Dalton to come down to test asphalt before it is sealed.
9. Engine 51 approved at Town meeting. Contracts are currently being drawn up.
10. Selectmen would like to donate one of the old out of service trucks to a Northern state town who has no fire truck and are currently working on a plan to get the truck to the town.
11. Chief Pelletier is currently revisiting the underground storage tank ordinance. He spoke with the Selectmen and Town Attorney re: size of tanks and Homeowner insurance coverage's. John Downs, Sr. asked if current 2 acre zoning how many tanks will be required. Chief Pelletier shared every 5 houses would have 1 tank. Mark Krassner asked if there were any Grant monies or State grants available. Chief Pelletier stated this is being looked at. John Downs, Sr. asked if it would create a savings for the Homeowner. Chief Pelletier states it would definitely be a savings. Mark Krassner asked what is the distance for the house to get a break and Chief stated 1000 feet in either direction.
12. Utility 35 – Back window accidently broken has been replaced and covered by insurance.
13. Mark Krassner asked how the insurance for volunteers is progressing. Chief Pelletier responded that it is still in the proposal stage and he would need to get the proposals first before the Commission may be able to assist him.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Session:** Chairman Francione then opened the meeting to the Public. He asked three times if anyone from the Public would like to speak. With no responses, Public session closed.


**Good of the Commission:** John Downs, Sr. made a MOTION to cancel the August Fire Commissioners Meeting since the Fire Ordinance has not yet been approved. Seconded by George Hamila. All in favor. MOTION carried.

MOTION made to adjourn meeting made by John Downs, Sr. and seconded by George Hamila. All in favor. MOTION carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Caruso, Recording Clerk  
Board of Fire Commissioners

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