Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2014
7:30 p.m.
Citizens Engine Company

Chief’s attending: Steve Childs, John Cronin, Michael Lombardi, and James Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept January Minutes made by Asst. Chief Lombardi, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cronin. Approved 4-0.

Correspondence:
- FOI request from Bill McKiernan concerning any communications concerning the proposed cell tower at Great Hill Hose.
- Letter from Patrick Lombardi President of Citizens Engine Co. concerning the coasts of cleaning materials at Citizens Engine.
- Letter from Richard Madigosky concerning a possible raise for the Department Steward position.

Chief’s Report:
Health:
- Asst. Chief Cronin stated that the next round of letters went out for physicals.
- Asst. Chief Cronin also stated that FIT testing is currently being done at both houses and only about 8-10 members left to be done.

Maintenance: See Attached

Training:
- Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that Super Sunday stated was held last Sunday where 62 firefighters attended. There are approximately 39 firefighters that need makeups. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that he would like to schedule makeups as they did last year with 1 date a piece for each house on a drill night.
- The Strategy and Tactics class is scheduled for 4/12 and 4/13 8-4.
- Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that an RIT full or refresher class needs to be scheduled soon.

Accountability/Dive:
- Asst. Chief Childs stated that as of Super Sunday everyone is believed to be up to date on the Salamander system. He also stated that they ran out of tape for printing. He stated that we have been relying on Beacon Falls for materials and would like to see if we could chip in for the cost of materials. The approximate cost is $185. He will discuss this with Chief Pratt to get an actual cost.

- Asst. Chief Childs stated that he is currently working with a vendor for a possible scanning software for accountability and incident command.

- Asst. Chief Childs stated that Hydro on SCUBA bottles was completed. 2 bottles failed and were left at New England dive to be disposed of.

Old Business:
- Chief Smith stated that the 2014/2015 was presented to the Board of Finance and they seemed to approve of it.

- Captain Burgess asked for an additional review of Firehouse Software. Asst. Chief Cronin stated he planned to do another review with smaller groups at each firehouse.

- Asst. Chief Cronin stated that Directive 13-1 (physicals) needs to be updated as it expired at the end of the month. He also stated that there were 2 ways to do this either keep it as a yearly directive or add it as SOG SFT 12. Chief Smith stated he would like to keep it as a directive instead of a SOG.
New Business:

- Chief Smith stated that he recommends that Engine 10 be permanently out of service. He also stated that he would like to schedule a workshop with all of the Chiefs to discuss all the options. Workshop scheduled for Monday March 24th at 7:30 pm at Citizens Engine with the captains.

- Asst. Chief Cronin stated that he wrote another grant to Valley Community Foundation for $10,000 for new portable radio’s.

- Asst. Chief Cronin stated that in Firehouse Software standby’s and activities don’t need to have an incident number attached. He stated that if someone were to get injured at one of these that at that point an incident number can then be generated.

- Asst. Chief Cronin asked that all incident reports and Rosters need to be fully completed for every call.

- Asst. Chief Childs stated that Ladder 14 will be going to New Haven fire School on Sunday.

- Capt. Zaniewski gave a list of gear and equipment needed after Super Sunday.

- Capt. Burgess stated that Citizens is in need of Large gloves, traffic vests, and hoods.

- Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that members that are Driver’s only should only have masks if they have completed a full physical.

- Capt. Burgess asked about requirements for storm stand bys. He also gave a list of recommendations.

- Asst. Chief Lombardi suggested that a meeting with Northwest dispatch should be scheduled to go over running rules.
- Chief Smith stated that in reference to the Letter regarding Jason Abrams that the settlement was made between him and the Town not the Fire Department.

- Chief Smith stated that the request from Citizens Engine and Richard Madigosky should be discussed with the Commissioners.

- Asst. Chief Cronin stated he had a quote from Communication Services for new programming for all the UHF radios. The cost is $235 for all the radio’s to be reprogrammed.

- Capt. Zaniewski stated that Great Hill Hose would like to be addressed about any decisions concerning Great Hill Hose. Doug stated that the initial information Great Hill was given concerning the proposed cell tower wasn’t accurate. Capt. Zaniewski also stated that Great Hill Hose voted as a company and that opposed the tower. Chief Smith stated that with the information he was given he believed that the proposed tower was for the good. Asst. Chief Cronin clarified the statement that the company would have liked to be approached by the Boards. Capt. Zaniewski stated that they were not given an opportunity to address there concerns.

- Asst. Chief Childs would like to see a definition of the position of Emergency Management Director. Chief Smith stated that the topic of lack of communication with Emergency Management director has been addressed many times with the First Selectmen.

Juniors: None

Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Executive Session: None
**Requisitions:**

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Motion to adjourn at 9:11pm by Asst. Chief Cronin, 2nd by Asst. Chief Lombardi
Approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Clerk
GREAT HILL ENGINEER'S REPORT

March 2014 Meeting

ENGINE 15:
NONE

ENGINE 16:
• Automatic fog tip for deck gun not working. Sent out to Shipman’s for evaluation.

RESCUE 17:
• Electric Q siren not working [Quote from Communication Services $850.00 plus labor for replacement]
• Drivers side rear compartment sensor bad. Sensors ordered.

ENGINE 18:
• NONE

TANKER 19:
• High band radio sent out for repair (operating from spare mobile radio)
  [Waiting for Communication Services to reinstall radio] DONE: 3-3-14

MARINE 20:
• NONE

BOATS/TRAILERS:
• NONE

OTHER EQUIPMENT:
• Running low on cases of water
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March Report

House
Generator has 2 coolant leaks and fuel tank over flowing and exhaust leak  

Truck 12

Engine 11  Fuel Leak
LDH intake removed by pass stuck  SENSE - Shipmans now $1600
LDH discharge creeps under high flow

Engine 13
Tank to pump valve leaking

Truck 14
power steering pump leaking

Engine 10
O.O.S.

Misc.

Hazmat 7

Light Tower