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 March Minutes made by Asst. Chief Cronin, 2nd by Asst. Chief Lombardi. Approved 4-0.

Correspondence:
- Letter from Town Attorney regarding private email addresses.
- Letter from Fire Marshal regarding resident at 20 Frances Dr.

Chief’s Report:
Health:
- Asst. Chief Cronin stated that 12 members are currently expired with physicals.

Maintenance: See Attached for Great Hill.
- Chief Smith stated that an Engineer needs to be in attendance from Citizens at Chief’s meetings.

Training:
- Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that the 1st Super Sunday make up was held at Citizens’ and 22 members completed. The 2nd round with be 4/29 at Great Hill and there are approximately 22 members left. Asst. Chief Lombardi also stated that any firefighter that doesn’t complete will be asked to turn in gear.
- The Strategy and Tactics class is scheduled for 4/12 and 4/13 8-4. There are currently 22 Seymour members signed up to attend and Oxford has 2 members. Still waiting to hear back from Beacon Falls.
- Asst. Chief Lombardi also stated that a RIT refresher and/or RIT complete class is still needed.
- Chief Smith stated that there is an FOI class for Fire departments and Police departments in Cromwell. He strongly advised attending for those who have never been.
- Chief Smith stated that the Fire Academy is holding a class on Social Media.

**Accountability/Dive:**

- Asst. Chief Cronin asked about the Fire Department Clerk getting an Id. Asst. Chief Childs stated that he would get together to do so.

**Old Business:**

- Chief Smith stated that the 2014/2015 was presented to the Board of Finance with a number of $398,516.00. The town vote is May 1st.

- Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that 2 members have no paid for their classes.

**New Business:**

- Chief Smith stated he needs a list of PPE needed at Citizens.

- Chief Smith stated that there is a meeting for Take a Stand on April 11th at the High school. The event is scheduled for April 25th with a rain date of April 28th. Asst. Chief Childs will attend the meeting on the 11th.

- Chief Smith stated that a workshop was held concerning Engine 10. The Chiefs will be following up with the commissioners as to what will be done with the current truck. The suggestions for replacing the truck were a 4x4 4 door utility truck.
- Asst. Chief Cronin stated that the Town’s grant writer has a quote for a new truck and is currently working on possibly getting a grant to replace.

- Chief Smith stated that the Fish ladder is due to be completed in June and that he is looking into having a walk through.

- Chief Smith stated that Seymour Lumber is due to start demolition on April 8th.

- Captain Burgess stated Ladder 14 is possibly going to Naugatuck Fire headquarters to see what a response time is.

- Captain Burgess brought up some RIT concerns. Please see attached notes. Chief Smith stated that all equipment should be the same at both houses. Captain Burgess stated that the Rescue Trucks should be used for RIT response and that Captain Zaniewski is in agreement. Chief Smith stated that his personal thoughts are that he has some concerns with the Rescue’s responding to RIT calls. Captain Zaniewski stated that the Rescue trucks are the easiest to get drivers for. He also stated that he feels it is the simplest solution right now. Asst. chief Childs stated he likes the idea of Rescue trucks responding. He believes having the extra equipment is a good idea. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that he sat in on the meeting with the RIT team and that he also agrees with using the Rescue trucks as the responding truck. Asst. Chief Lombardi also stated that he agrees that the equipment should be the same for both houses. Asst. Chief Lombardi also stated that he feels the RIT team should have separate tags for accountability as the Dive team does. Chief Smith stated he would like a list of what needs to be done to make sure both houses are the same. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated he would sit with both Captains to discuss this.

- Captain Zaniewski stated that Great Hill is in need of station ladder.

- Captain Zaniewski stated that he feels that there should be department representation at the Board of Selectmen meetings.

- Asst. Chief Cronin stated that there was a problem with the Citizens’ watch station computer with possible downloading of materials inappropriately. Captain Burgess stated that the computer has been locked down and that he doesn’t wish to have to deal with it. Asst. Chief Cronin stated that there needs to be limited access to the computer so that this doesn’t continue to happen. Chief Smith reminded every one that the computers are town equipment.
Lombardi stated that he would go through the computer and assign codes as the last computer was set up.

- Fire Police Captain Richard Rossik stated that Citizens has 10 members and that they are in need of 1 badge for Captain.

- Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that Fairfield fire School will be holding a flashover class.

- Asst. Chief Lombardi asked about the radio issues. He stated there is a tremendous amount of static.

- Asst. Chief Lombardi asked about town emails address. FD clerk will be looking into getting the remaining chiefs email address and access.

- 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.

Juniors:
- Brush fire Traing with be held the week of the 21st. Working with the fire marshal’s office with this.

Other Business: None

Public Comment: None
Executive Session: None

Requisitions:

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See attached

Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm by Asst. Chief Cronin, 2nd by Asst. Chief Lombardi
Approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Clerk
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By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

**James Smith, Chief**

**Steve Childs Asst. Chief**

**Michael Lombardi, Asst. Chief**

**John Cronin Jr. Asst. Chie**
Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)

What we are facing today?
- Less fires/ more complacency
- More and more building collapses
- Ex. Shelton Howe Ave fire w/collapse
- Long term incidents
- Well involved fires on arrival

Newest findings
- It will take an average of 12 FF’s to rescue 1 downed FF
- Our air time will be cut in half
- On average it takes 22 minutes to remove a downed FF from a residence
- 1 in 5 rescuers become victims themselves

What is our goal of this review?
- Evaluate our gear on the 2 RIT rigs.
- Make this gear identical so any member (RIT certified) can go to either house and know what they have to work with.
- Bring the proper equipment with us as per our SOG
- Get everyone on the same page for initial set up on the fire ground.
- Discussing apparatus to be used for the job of RIT.

Other concerns
- RIT being active on the fire ground, throwing ladders where guys are working or at least one on each side of the building.
- The RIT crew being a second set of eyes.
- Utilizing our driver. Make him/her a liaison between the command post and the RIT team officer if there is no chief on scene from our dept.
- Quarterly RIT skill sign offs and evaluations.