Board of Fire Commissioners
1 FIRST STREET
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Special Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015
7:00 pm
Citizens’ Engine Company

Commissioner’s attending: Clay Jurgens, Chris Motasky, Peter Sampiere, Patrick Lombardi, and Dan Zaniewski

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 8:05, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. December Minutes-Commissioner Lombardi noted that the meeting minutes weren’t filed to town hall within 7 days as FOI requires. No motion was made to accept meeting minutes.

Item 4. December Special Meeting Minutes-Meeting minutes weren’t filed at town hall within 7 days as FOI requires. No motion was made to accept meeting minutes.

Item 5. Correspondence-
A. Letter from First Selectmen Kurt Miller to Chief Cronin regarding Engine 18.
B. Letter from East River Energy regarding removal of ice from diesel tank at Great Hill Hose.

Item 6. Financial Report-
A. Ehman was called twice without approval for Citizens’ Engine.
B. All quarterly purchase orders were closed and new one’s reopened.
C. CLP is now Eversource Energy.

Discussion about low balance in repairs and maintenance.
Motion by Commissioner Zaniewski to accept the financial report as read, 2nd by Motasky. Approved 5-0.

Item 7. Fire Marshal’s Report-
Motion to accept fire Marshall’s report by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.
Item 8. January Chief’s Minutes-
Discussion-
-Commissioner Jurgens asked about vests and gear being worn at all times. Chief Cronin stated that appropriate PPE should be worn at calls.

-Commissioner Zaniewski asked if members have been selected for Engine 11 and 18. Chief Cronin stated that yes they have been selected.

Motion to accept Jan. Chief’s Minutes made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Item 9. Elections-Results of elections were as follows:
A. Chairman-Pete Samipere made by Commissioner Zaniewski.
B. Vice Chairman-Chris Motasky made by Commissioner Jurgens.
C. Financial Secretary-Clay Jurgens made by Commissioner Motasky.
D. Secretary- Pat Lombardi made by Commissioner Zaniewski.

Secretary casts on ballot for all unopposed positions.

Item 10. 2015/2016 Budget-
Discussion-
-Commissioner Motasky asked about the money for the steward’s pay. Chief Cronin confirmed that it was included with the building line item.

-Commissioner Lombardi asked what the general opinion was of the budget. Chief Cronin stated that it seemed to go over very well and that he was complimented on the numbers.

Item 11. Utility Trucks-

Discussion-
-Chief Cronin stated that First Selectman has approved moving forward with purchasing the new utility truck. He also stated that he and Commissioner Jurgens will have a discussion with Doug the Finance Director for the next steps.

Motion by Commissioner Motasky to allow Chief to pursue the utility truck as discussed, 2nd by Commissioner Zaniewski. Approved 5-0.

Item 12. Mechanic’s Position-
Discussion-
- Commissioner Motasky stated position needs to be a fire department member per First Selectman. He also stated that the feels we should give this year’s stipend to the chief and then have further discussions for next fiscal year. Commissioner Jurgens stated he is opposed to giving the chief this year’s stipend. Commissioner Sampiere asked what town hall’s opinion regarding this. Commissioner Zaniewski stated he would like to see First Selectman’s opinion on this. Commissioner Motasky stated he will discuss this further with the First Selectman. Commissioner Jurgens stated that he feels this is taking the first steps of Chief’s stipends and he doesn’t agree with it.

Item 13. Tax Abatements-
   Discussion-
   - Chief Cronin stated the Board was handed the lists from both houses. He stated there was a member on Great Hill’s list that he doesn’t feel this member should receive the abatement. Commissioner Motasky stated that as long as the board is consistent then he agrees.

   Motion by Commissioner Jurgens to remove 1 member from abatement list, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky.
   Vote approved-3 (Jurgens, Sampiere, Motasky) 1 no (Lombardi) 1-abstention (Zaniewski)

Item 14. Requisitions- See attached.

   Motion to approve Chief’s requisition’s by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Zaniewski. Approved 5-0.

Motion made to adjourn at 10:05 by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens.
Approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Recording Secretary
February 4, 2015

Chief Cronin:

At the Board of Selectmen meeting on February 3, 2015, the Board voted to give the recently surplussed 1979 Dodge/Salisbury front mount 4-wheel drive pumper to the Emergency Management Department so that they can surplus the F250 they currently use. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

W. Kurt Miller
February 4, 2015

Great Hill Fire Department
140 Botsford Road
Seymour, CT 06483

Account #: 5159B
Tank #: 5

Re: Containment full of ice & oil, Please clean ASAP

To whom it may concern:

Our driver notified us of the following problem(s) he encountered with your equipment during our last delivery. Some of these problems do not comply with the National Fire Protection Association’s requirements (NFPA 30). To ensure safe and efficient deliveries the item(s) checked below will need to be corrected as soon as possible. Please contact us when the defect is fixed or if you need assistance in correcting the problem. Future deliveries to this location may be affected.

- Bad vent/venting system not working/No Vent Alarm
- Bad whistle/whistle not working
- X Water/Ice in tank-containment, needs to be cleaned.
- Tank not accessible/locked
- Cannot stick tank, dangerous situation
- No gauge on tank/gauge not working correctly
- Path covered by snow/ice/vehicle
- Other:

NFPA 30 codes need to be complied with for the safety of our drivers and the protection of your property. Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Rick Swan, Safety Manager
rcs@eastriverenergy.com

cc: Donald M. Herzog, President
ACCOUNT: 51598  TICKET: 25650  TANK: 5  PROD: 23  PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: #2 FUEL OIL

SEYMOUR, TOWN OF (203) 889-0581
1 FIRST STREET
FINANCE DEPT.
SEYMOUR, CT 06483

GREAT HILL FIRE DEPT.
140 BOTSFORD ROAD
$2 OIL = 1000 TANK
SEYMOUR CT 06483

ZONE: PER
NEWH: FILL LOC.
SIZE: DELIVER
1000: 2/02/15 28

不含发票

1000 x 48"#2 OIL INGROUND FILL LEFT SIDE
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OR 203-889-6411. LAST: 1/05/15 GALS:445
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Great Hill Fire
Seymour
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By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

Chiefs Regulations
Seymour Fire Department
Office Of The Fire Marshal

Town of Seymour

1 First Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT
SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2014

Below is a brief summary of the major work activities that the Seymour Fire Marshal’s Office conducted during the month December 2014:

Due to holidays and time off, the activity level may appear low.

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 3 inspections on new construction, 5 inspections on existing buildings and 9 re-inspections. Please keep in mind that after each inspection, some type of a report needs to be created.

Blasting Permit – 0 Blasting Site Inspections – 0 Blasting Complaints – 0 Other Complaints – 3 Meetings - 9

Detail Code Reviews – 0 Detail follow-up activities – 0 Hydrant inspections with follow up - 0

Letters sent out to Balance Rock tenants involving 20 pound propane tanks on balconies - 0

Burning Permits – 0

Major Activities

Outside Training Attended – DFM Willis and Fritz, FI Cronin and I attended a State F.M. class on Third Party Inspections at the Southbury Fire Department. DFM Willis received approval for and attended a tour of the CT State Crime Lab. It was very informative.

Training activities conducted – DFM Willis coordinated a state Fire Marshal training on fire investigations for Great Hill Hose Company and other department members.

26 - 28 Bank Street and 54 Wakely Street (No change, continued) – We are continuing to working on the Code violations with the owners. They are proposing plans to address the issues in short and long term time frames. Some of the violations have been corrected.

45 Broad St. Congregational Church – There has been more progress on the installation of fire stairway doors. At least 2 more have been installed. An elevator is being planned for future installation.

770 Derby Avenue – This project is under construction. The building shell is up. At this time, we have not received any plans for any occupants.

Pizzaro’s Pizza, 225 West Street Oxnour Plaza – This project is moving forward. Multiple construction inspections have occurred. I would estimate about 80 percent completed.
Fire Prevention Activities – The Office, Fire Chief John Cronin and Fire Department Clerk Kathy Pelletier reviewed and selected the two winners from each elementary school and the overall top winners for the fourth and fifth grades. These will be sent to the County level for their review. The Office and Fire Department arranged and scheduled a fire truck ride for each of the four winners. The children and parents thoroughly enjoyed the rides. This was a great project.

Fire Works Standby, Chatfield Park – A plan review was conducted and a standby occurred for the annual fireworks show at Seymour Land Trust for Santa to arrive.

67 Pub, 225 West Street expansion – The project is moving along. Construction inspections are ongoing.

30 Great Hill Road, a potential Sports Complex - Several meetings and an initial preliminary plan review was conducted for a potential sports complex going in at this location. It would include instructional basketball, batting cages and an open area for other sports activities.

Klarides Village – I had another meeting and initial plan review with the Building Inspector and potential owner of a bar and pizza restaurant being considered for the presently vacant space of CVS next to Job Lot.

Significant Fire Investigations: None reported to the Office.

Each event requires a detailed written report to be completed.

Submitted by,

[Signature]

Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal

December 29 2014

Cc. File
Below is a brief summary of the major work activities that the Seymour Fire Marshal’s Office conducted during the month January 2015:

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 11 inspections on new construction, 4 inspections on existing buildings and 2 re-inspections. Please keep in mind that after each inspection, some type of a report needs to be created.

Blasting Permit – 0  Blasting Site Inspections – 0  Blasting Complaints – 0  Other Complaints – 4
Meetings - 16

Detail Code Reviews – 2  Detail follow-up activities – 2  Hydrant inspections with follow up - 0

Letters sent out to Balance Rock tenants involving 20 pound propane tanks on balconies - 0

Burning Permits – 1

Major Activities

Outside Training Attended – None

Training activities conducted – None

26 - 28 Bank Street and 54 Wakely Street (No change, continued) – We are continuing to working on the Code violations with the owners. They are proposing plans to address the issues in short and long term time frames. Some of the violations have been corrected.

45 Broad St. Congregational Church – No change from last month. An elevator is being planned for future installation.

770 Derby Avenue – No change from last month. This project is under construction. The building shell is up. At this time, we have not received any plans for any occupants.

Pizzaro’s Pizza, 225 West Street Oxmour Plaza – This project is completed. All necessary plan reviews and construction inspections have been completed. A C.O. has been issued by the Building Inspector.

67 Pub, 225 West Street kitchen expansion – The project is moving along. Construction inspections are ongoing. A separate plan review was conducted for a new hood and ductwork for the cooking equipment and a separate plan review for the cooking equipment fire extinguisher system.
30 Great Hill Road front building, TSA Sports Complex - It is instructional basketball, batting cages and an open area for indoor baseball. This project moved forward. It is up and running. So far a plan review was conducted for a fire alarm system. I also witnessed a test of it. A building plan review was also conducted. To date, another exit door was installed along with emergency lights and exit signs. All have been approved. The counter top manufacturer is moving to the back building of this complex. It should be totally out of this building within 3 months. Then TSA will occupy the entire rear area which is about 15,000 square feet.

American Pie and Pub, 16 Klarides Village Drive – This is a new bar with stage and restaurant. Multiple plan reviews, Code reviews, meetings, letter and inspections have gotten this project off to a good start. Construction inspections have begun.

VEMS garage, 764 Derby Ave. – Plan reviews, Code reviews and letter have gotten this project off to a good start. Construction should begin shortly.

A.E.D. and CPR Program for Town Buildings – Due to a Town Hall grant, we got 4 new A.E.D.s. I reviewed them and placed them at the Public Works garage, Transfer Station and gymnasium at the Senior Center 20 Pine Street. I also completed paperwork for them. CPR and AED training classes were coordinated for existing town employees in order to be re-certified and for newly interested employees. The fourth new AED will be placed at the High School Pool area shortly. Some follow activity will follow after the new cards are delivered.

Grant Writing – DFM Willis wrote a grant to fund a presentation called “After the Fire”.

Significant Fire Investigations: 26 Deforest Street, Citizens Engine Co. – This is an electrical fire. Damage occurred at multiple locations within the building. C.L. and P. was connecting the building’s service to the main lines when an accident apparently occurred. This appears to be an accidental fire.

11 Prospect Street car fire – Its cause is undetermined at this time. The point of origin is undetermined at this time.

Each event requires a detailed written report to be completed.

Submitted by,  

Paul Wetowitz  
Seymour Fire Marshal  

February 9 2015  

Cc. File