Meeting Minutes 10/13/2015

Attendees: P. Lombardi, C.Jurgens, Dan Zaniewski, P. Sampiere (7:15 P.M.)
Others: Chief Cronin, Chief Lombardi, Chief Tomasheski, Chief Zaniewski and Don Smith, Trisha Danka

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M by Vice-Chair P.Lombardi.
2. All were then led in the pledge to the flag.
   Discussion took place about quotes for the rotating lights T19 and Knox Box Repair. Chief Cronin stated that quotes will be forthcoming. There are no attendees for the FF 1 class.
   Motion to approve: P. Wols/C.Jurgens Vote 4/0

4. Chiefs Report:
   Chief Cronin stated that were a lot of repair and maintenance items underway. The Haz Mat transition to R 12 has been completed. U-18 has gone to the vendor for items that needed attention.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Commissioners Meeting Minutes 9-14-2015
   Commissioner Zaniewski asked if the paint job was being followed up on and was told it was. He also asked about the problem with the motor on the new boat and was told that this was due to air in the line which was taken care of. Commissioner Lombardi asked about the fans, doors and ac/heat and was told quotes would be coming, in some cases vendors have not responded to calls.
   Motion to approve: C.Jurgens/P.Wols Vote 5/0

7. Correspondence:
   Chief Cronin stated that he had received a letter from a guest that stayed at the Hilton Garden the same weekend as the State Convention Attendees. There were complaints about the noise, yelling and general disturbance. Chief Cronin said that this was difficult to understand as a lot of our members were assigned jobs for the weekend. However he did send a letter of apology. Copy of complainant’s letter attached.

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8. Financial Report:
Commissioner Jurgens presented the bills to be paid. An invoice (6K) was received from Fail Safe who performs annual hose testing. No purchase order can be found, he will look into this. The commissioners would like to see a run of the bills to be paid in the future.
Motion to approve: P.Lombardi/P.Wols Vote 5/0

9. Fire Marshals Report:
Paul stated that the plans for 38 Columbus Street had to be reworked due to the high cost but that the final plans have not been submitted. He also stated that he had received a letter from the state informing him that Tom Laskowski had not met his required hours of training and therefore would be decertified as a fire inspector. With this his office will now be down three inspectors due to one moving out of state and another who works in Rhode Island.
Motion to approve: Dan Zaniewski/P.Wols Vote 5/0

10. Unfinished Business:
a. Commissioner Jurgens stated U-18 is at the vendor. He has spoken to them in regards to repairing the rear steps. As for the paint job on the vehicle the vendor powder coated the body and then painted as per the chip sample submitted. When ready it will be picked and brought to Seymour. Commissioner Lombardi stated that in the future we need to do a better job scrutinizing the vendor when dealing off the state bid list.
Motion to accept U-18 C. Jurgens/P.Wols Vote 5/0

11. New Business:
a. Commissioner Lombardi stated the he had asked Chief Cronin to change the run forms back numerical order as there were errors in checking off the appropriate member. This was done but now has created a cumbersome task when doing the entries into Fire House software. Much discussion followed and Chief Cronin will look into how the problem can best be addressed.
b. Hiring Process of Recording Secretary and job description:
Commissioner Lombardi presented the latest version of the job
description. After discussion, the following changes will be made:
Item 1&2 will now be worded as per schedule of meetings, special
meetings and workshops.
Item 6 will now reference the specific time requirement.
Item 9 to be eliminated.
Item 10 the wording as per the Town of Seymour payment schedule
will be added.
Once the changes have been completed the job description will now
become part of the Admin section of SOG/SOPS manual.
Motion to approve with changes: Dan Zaniewski/P.Wols Vote 5/0

12. First Selectman’s Round Table Discussion:
Chief Cronin stated that he expressed his displeasure with Emergency
Management Personnel duplicating fire fighter activities.

13. Public Comment:
Trish Danka and Don Smith stated that they were at the meeting as
members of the 10 year Strategic Plan Committee. They were under
the impression that they would be on tonight’s agenda. Apparently
there was an error and they will be invited to one of our workshops in
the future. The board apologized to them for the error. Mrs. Danka left
her contact number (203-619-2219)

14. Executive Session
   a. Personnel Matter regarding the hiring of a new department clerk
      Motion to go into executive session at 7:55 P.M. Dan
      Zaniewski/P.Wols Vote 5/0
      Motion to come out of executive session at 8:25 P.M.
      C.Jurgens/P.Wols Vote 5/0
      There were no motions or actions taken during the session.
      Motion to add to the agenda Executive Session: Personnel Matter-
      Chief Lombardi. Motion P.Lombardi/P.Wols Vote 5/0
      Motion to go into executive session at 8:26 P.M. P.Wols/C.Jurgens
      Vote 5/0
      Motion to come out of executive session at 8:40 P.M.
      C.Jurgens/P.Wols Vote 5/0
      There were no motions or actions taken during the session.
15. Fire Chief’s Requisitions:
   As per attached, Motion to approve Dan Zaniewski/P.Wols Vote 5/0
16. Commissioner’s Comments: None
17. Adjournment:
   The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M. Motion P.Lombardi/P.Wols
   Vote 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

P.Lombardi
Secretary Pro-Tem

Telephone: 203-888-1909
Meeting Minutes 10/05/2015

Attendees: Tom Tomasheski, John Cronin, Mike Lombardi and Doug Zaniewski
Others: Matt Calzone, Wes Nelson, Quinn Levy, Phil Fritz, Gary P., Mike Fritz

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. There was no Public Comment.
3. The minutes of the Sept. 8, 2015 Chiefs Meeting were approved.
   Motion: Tom/Doug (4/0)
4. No Correspondence was received.
5. Unfinished Business:
   a. Chief Zaniewski that the committee had recently met and they are reviewing
      the current tax abatement plan and others. More information is needed for the Firehouse records.
      The committee will be speaking with the company captains to ascertain why members have left
      (other than for disciplinary issues). An exit interview form will be created. Another meeting
      is scheduled for Nov. 12th, at 7 p.m. at Great Hill
   b. Chief Cronin stated that he created a report which includes automatic
      calculations and categories needed for the tax abatement program and the Firehouse software,
      he has others reports to create and will report back.
   c. Chief Lombardi stated that the Ladder Truck will be out of service
      for 5 to 8 business days for repairs at Gowns and Knight for the pulleys.
6. New Business:
   a. Chief Lombardi stated that all haz mat items had been removed
      from Haz Mat 7 and placed on Rescue 12. On large scale Haz Mat incidents both Rescue 12 and 17
      are to respond.
   b. He also stated that he took Utility 7 to Sabo's for a painting quote
      and he will report back. Chief Cronin stated that he did not feel
      there were dollars in the budget this year to paint it.
Discussion also took place about the lettering specifics of Utility 18. After much discussion it was decided that 18 will have SFD and Great Hill on it and Utility 10 will have SFD and Citizens’.

c. Chief Tomasheski asked about the foam system on Eng. 16. Chief Cronin stated the he was confident that the controller needed to be replaced. A quote will be ready for our next meeting.

7. Knox Box:
   a. Chief Zaniewski stated the Knox Box on Rescue 17 needs to be sent out for repairs. Chief Cronin will contact Communication Services.
   b. Chief Lombardi said that he had spoken to DFM Willis about Knox Boxes that were aged. Chief Cronin will look into seeing if they can be destroyed.

8. Internal Quarterly Report:
   a. Chief Zaniewski stated that he would like to see an internal quarterly report for the membership. Chief Cronin stated that quarterly report is for use by the selectman’s office.

9. Training:
   a. Chief Lombardi stated that three members enrolled in the FF 2 class are passing. There will be a May Day Class held on October 20th (Great Hill Hose 7 p.m.).
   b. He also said that the state is requiring continuing education for station evaluators. A class will take place at the Oxford Center Fire house on October 19th. All instructors are encouraged to attend.
   c. Chief Cronin then displayed an air pack and bottle that had significant damage to it. The damage was sustained overtime and should have been noticed sooner. The FF who used the pack has been spoken to.
   d. Chief Zaniewski said to be sure all information is filled out on the driver’s training form. Other formats for the drivers will be forthcoming.
   e. Chief Tomasheski said the Town received a donation of a Rescue Sled. Discussion took place as to who it was donated to and possible placement. He also stated that the Dive Team would hold
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meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Great Hill. He is looking into possibly conducting a drill this winter at Mystic Aquarium.

f. Chief Cronin said that boat training is needed as soon as possible. A formalized checklist is also needed. Every operator is to be aware of this.

10. Physicals:
   a. All doing well and appear to be up to date.

11. Monthly Events:
   a. Fire Prevention
   b. C2 Fireman’s Memorial Event
   c. Trick or Trunk
   d. Downtown Trick or Treat

12. Captain’s Comments: None

13. Executive Session: None

14. Chief’s Comments:
   a. Chief Tomasheski thanked everyone for their participation with the busy month that we had.

15. Repairs and Maintenance:
   a. Chief Cronin stated that the servo motor in Eng., 15 was smoking and, that there were error codes on the engine. There are also some brakes issues and these items were found on a recent inspection.
   b. Mike Fritz said that the Antenna Whip was missing off Eng. 16. Also the rotating lights on Tanker 19 are not working.

16. Public Comment: None

17. Requisitions:
   A motion was approved (Tom, Doug) 4/0 to approve the following (subject to correction):
   a. Shipman’s repairs to 2 Nozzles $1000.00
   b. Shipman’s High Rise Pack $80.00
   c. Fire Store 4-12 x 12 Salvage Covers$
   d. Items for Boats to include clamps, rope, vests, lights, telescopic hooks, fender guards and anchor $1464.00
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e. Communications Services—Repairs to FD 2 and FD 4 Radios and
Light bar $629.00

f. Communications Services—installation of a PA System, Radio,
Siren, and antenna on the new boat $900.00

g. Hurst Service????

18. Adjournment: A motion was passed (Mike L./Tom) 4/0 to adjourn the
meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

P.Lombardi
Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Also please note that these minutes were filed late due to
circumstances beyond control of the clerk pro tem.
James O’Neil (Thomaston), President
The Connecticut State Firefighters Association (CSFA)
P.O. Box 9
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Fire Chief: John Cronin Jr.
Seymour Town Hall
1 First Street
Seymour, CT 06483

September 25, 2015

After 9 hours of driving my friends and I finally reach Shelton, Connecticut on 9/18/15. None of us had been to this lovely state before and we were excited to be there to participate in a dear friend’s wedding, but we were tired after that drive and had a long weekend ahead of us. We reach the Hilton Garden Inn and realize it is a big weekend for the hotel to be hosting the Connecticut State Firefighter’s Association for their annual parade.

That first night, we were all awoken repeatedly throughout the night by individuals being extremely loud and disrespectful of their hotel neighbors. One friend stepped out of the room and asked them to quiet down around 11 pm; she recognized some of them as the firemen we had seen in the lobby earlier. They seemed to be partying in the hallway all night. We heard yelling, screaming, whoo hooing, and “Seymour Fire Department coming through” yelled down that hallway. Around 1 am, after being awoken for at least the 5th time, I did call the front desk. I was informed that they had already received multiple complaints about these neighbors and assured me that they would put an end to it. Unfortunately, the partying and the broken sleep continued until past 3 am. At which point the noise makers dispersed, but they made a point to knock on our bedroom door on the way out.

The following morning, frustrated and exhausted, I spoke to hotel staff who informed me there had been multiple complaints as well as damage to the hotel property. I was assured that a staff member from the hotel would be present throughout the night to curtail any such noise the following night. Unfortunately, this was not true and we were again awakened repeatedly with yelling and screaming in the hallway.

I have long held the utmost respect for the courage and sacrifices firefighters make for us as citizens. I have looked up to persons in your profession as moral and righteous protectors of the people; it was extremely disappointing to experience the utter disrespect demonstrated by some of these men and women. We acknowledge the need to let loose and celebrate with friends. However, there is a time and a place for such things, and the hallway of a hotel in not one of them. The hotel had a perfectly good bar and lobby for gathering, far from the bedrooms. Such celebrations should never be at the expense of others.

Please do share this letter with the heads of the involved fire departments. I hope that some change in the arrangements for future conventions can be made so that others are not put in a similar position next year.

Thank you,

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Richmond, VA
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SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT
SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

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

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 5 inspections on new construction, 9 inspections on existing buildings and 4 re-inspections. Please keep in mind that after each inspection, some type of a report needs to be created.

Blasting Permit – 1 Blasting Site Inspections – 4 Blasting Complaints – 0 Other Complaints – 0
Meetings – 14 Code Modification request – 0 Witnessed Fire Drills - 0
Detail Code Reviews – 5 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 – 0 Underground propane tank inspections - 0 Hydrant Flow Test – 0

Major Activities

Outside Training Conducted – DFM Willis conducted fire extinguisher training for staff at Naugatuck Valley Health Department.

Training activities attended – DFM Willis attended half day training on fire alarm code and 2 days of training on fatality investigation.

45 Broad St. Congregational Church – This project is ongoing. It includes installing a lift and fire rated enclosing of the front main stairway on the first floor.

29 Maple St. apartment building, old Anna Lopresti School – The construction has been on-going for months and progress is good. Construction inspections have also been on-going. The sprinkler system continues to be shut down.

26 Main Street first floor, a proposed Greek restaurant – At the time of this report, there has been no visible construction activities on this renovation. In the past, plans were reviewed and a construction permit has been issued.

38 Columbus Street apartment building – (No change) The Office is still waiting for the final set of plans to begin its plan review. This construction will result in periodic road closures of Columbus Street.

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50 Cogwheel Lane, Basement Systems – This project has begun. This will be a warehouse with high rack storage, fire pump and sprinkler system and part of it will be a 3 story office building. Total square footage is about 32,000.

Operation Save a Life – The Office attended this program sponsored by WTNH, Home Depot and Kidde regarding the giving away of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. We picked up about 60 smoke alarms and a dozen carbon monoxide alarms at no cost. We shared some with the fire department.

School Fire Drills – DFM Willis witnessed the first fire drills at all the schools and provided any necessary feedback.

Propane Dispensing Tank, John Allen – I had multiple meetings with Mr. Allen and his propane contractor regarding his proposed installation of a 30,000 gallon propane tank on Silvermine Road.

Fire Prevention Activities - The Office scheduled and conducted follow up activities regarding fire prevention within the daycares and schools for the month of October.

Significant Fire Investigations: 30 Progress Avenue, Haynes Construction – (Remains an ongoing Investigation). A construction trailer was burned to the ground. This is arson fire and is being investigated as such. We are working with the Seymour Police Department on this investigation.

Submitted by,

Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal

October 8 2015

Cc. File
DATE: September 16, 2015

TO: Thomas Laskowski
22 Farre Street
Seymour, CT 06483

FROM: William Abbott, State Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Decertify

As you are aware, Section 29-298 of the Connecticut General Statutes sets forth minimum hours of educational training which must be met every three years by fire officials in Connecticut. In order to maintain certification, local fire officials must present proof of successful completion of the required training to the State Fire Marshal.

Your training record at the Office of Education & Data Management for your three-year cycle from 06/20/2012 to 06/13/2015 indicates that you presented proof of successful completion for 6.00 hours of training. That number of hours does not meet the minimum requirement of the statute. Therefore, the State Fire Marshal is considering decertification action against you.

In accordance with Section 4-182(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, you may contact the Office of Education and Data Management to schedule a compliance conference. To do so, please call Training Program Supervisor Douglas Schanne at 860.713.5522 by 10/16/2015.

If you choose not to schedule a compliance conference, you may request a hearing on this matter, or you may retire your certification. If you would like to request a hearing, or if you choose to retire your certification, please complete the appropriate form (attached) and return it to the Office of Education & Data Management no later than 10/16/2015.

Please be advised that if you do not exercise an option by 10/16/2015, the State Fire Marshal will proceed with decertification.

If you have any questions, please contact Douglas Schanne at the number listed above.

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By our signatures below, we approve the specifications indicated above:

Doug Zanielewski, Asst. Chief

Thomas Tomashewski, Asst. Chief

Date: 10/13/15

Michael Lembo, Chief

John Cronin, Chief