



**BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS**

**SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**1 FIRST STREET  
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2013

7:30p.m.

Great Hill Hose Company

**COPY RECEIVED**

**DATE: 10/21/13**

**TIME: 10:55am**

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Chief's attending:** Steve Childs, John Cronin, and Michael Lombardi. James Smith arrived at 7:45.

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

**Motion made to accept September Minutes made by Asst. Chief Cronin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Lombardi. Approved 3-0.**

**Correspondence: none**

**Chief's Report:**

**Health:**

- Asst. Chief Cronin stated that physicals are progressing.

**Maintenance:**

**See Attached report from Great Hill Hose.**

- Citizens Engine reported that the Chainsaw that was sent out for repair came back.
- Citizens also reported that there is an air pack waiting to go out for quote and repair. They are also waiting on a regulator.

-Asst. Chief Childs stated that Citizens Engineer's report needs to be given to the Chief's monthly.

**Training:**

- Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that the Firefighter II class is in progress. There are 3 firefighters in the class.

- 2Q has its first class on Thursday. Hoping to finish in October. There are 4 members from Great Hill and 1 from Citizens.
- Asst. Chief Lombardi stated they are hoping to get DMV instructor here for testing late October early November.
- LT. Doug Zaniewski asked about getting a training committee together to get both houses on the same page. LT. Burgess also stated he would also like to do more training together with both houses.

### **Accountability/Dive:**

-Asst. Chief Childs stated that driver may possibly have to go thru annual physicals.

### **Old Business:**

- Chief Smith stated he is still waiting on getting the full OSHA report.
- Chief Smith stated that he was in process of trying to setup a meeting with Chief Metzler about the concerns with the dispatching.
- A workshop with chiefs and officers was held regarding capital projects. Chief Smith also stated that there are some projects that actual estimates are needed for
- The Firehouse Software training session was held.
- Asst. Chief Childs attended a meeting regarding the Fish Ladder. He stated that the project was at a "slow down". They are waiting on a bigger machine to come in for breaking the rock down. He also stated that if requested a study could be done at Citizens. Asst. Chief Childs stated that he believes it would be on the safe side to request the study.
- Captain Zaniewski asked about the smoke detectors/CO detectors. Chief Smith stated that they should be given out to anyone that is in need of them.
- Captain Zaniewski asked if the SOG was reviewed.
- LT. Burgess asked about replacing older equipment such as RIT bags. Chief Smith stated to get quotes on the equipment.

### **New Business:**

- Chief Smith stated he wanted to thank membership for participation in the Pink 5k/Smoke in the Valley events. LT. Zaniewski asked about making some of these events as a fire watch so that members can be paid for the events. Chief Smith stated he would look into this but also reminded everyone that they are a volunteer department and its part of their town duty.
- Chief Smith stated that the tires have been replaced on Truck 14 and Engine 13.
- Chief Smith stated that preventive maintenance is being planned for October.
- Chief Smith stated that pager repair vendor is in process of being changed.
- Chief Smith stated that all new SOG/SOP's are on hold until OSHA inspection is completed. LT. Zaniewski stated that the SOG in question was available before the OSHA inspection started. He also stated that there is no SOG concerning Incident Command. LT. Zaniewski stated that he has personally been asked as an officer about safety concerns.
- Chief Smith handed out copies of the supervisor Accident report.
- Chief Smith stated that he was contacted by Beacon Falls FD regarding 5 inch hose that damaged at the recent call.
- Asst. Chief Cronin reminded officers about facial hair concerns.
- Chief Smith stated that he was told that LT. Zaniewski was training using the new SOP/SOG guidelines.

### **Juniors:**

- 13 juniors currently. FF Fowler asked that anyone interested in helping it would be greatly appreciated.
- Chief Smith stated that a workshop for SOP/SOG conversation for Chief's only will be held on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Citizens.

### **Other Business:**

-Asst. Chief Cronin asked for the Valley Fire School Rep. to attend the next meeting.

**Public Comment: None**

### **Executive Session:**

**Captain Zaniewski stated that he wanted the executive session concerning himself and LT. Zaniewski to be an open session.**

Chief Smith stated this is regarding the basic insubordination regarding the SOP/SOG. He stated he has received at least a dozen emails from both officers

regarding why this SOG hasn't been addressed. Chief Smith stated that it's been explained why this SOG hasn't been addressed and also reminded on how the process of approvals work.

LT. Zaniwski stated that he believes it hasn't been explained and that he received no response. Chief Smith stated that the chief's are willing to discuss these issues. LT. Zaniwski asked Chief Smith if he was concerned about the safety issues. Chief Smith stated that yes he is concerned and there are major safety concerns such as the Davis Rd. fire where being the 1<sup>st</sup> to officers on scene and neither taking command. LT. Zaniwski then stated that also that the 1<sup>st</sup> Chief on scene didn't take command either. LT. Zaniwski stated that he feels that Chief Smith is refusing to talk about these issues. He stated that this is why he finally sent another email including a commissioner. Chief Smith stated that they are trying to set up workshop to discuss the SOG/SOP.

LT. Zaniwski stated he feels strongly about this issue and that he put a lot of work into this. He also stated that he presented the new SOG to the Chiefs and didn't get a response from the Chief of the department. He also stated that there is no procedure set in place right now. Chief Smith stated that there is in fact a system in place. The tag system is in place and it isn't being followed properly.

Chief Smith stated that there will be a workshop by the end of the month to discuss these issues.

**Motion made to go into executive session at 8:30 to discuss personnel issues made by Asst. Chief Childs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Cronin. Approved 4-0.**

**Motion to come out of executive session at 8:36 made by Asst. Chief Childs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Lombardi. Approved 4-0**

**No motions or votes were made while in Executive session.**

**Requisitions:**

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
See Attached			

**Motion made to approve requisition by Asst. Chief Childs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Cronin. Approved 4-0.**

**Motion made to adjourn at 8:45pm by Asst. Chief Cronin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst. Chief Childs. Approved 4-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier  
Clerk

GREAT HILL ENGINEER'S REPORT

**October 2013 Meeting**

**ENGINE 15:**

- Wig wag lights not working [Communication Services notified] 1-7-13

**ENGINE 16:**

NONE

**RESCUE 17:**

- TIC needs repair [will not power down]

**ENGINE 18:**

- NONE

**TANKER 19:**

- Low band / county radio needs to be looked at [ has an error code E3]

**MARINE 20:**

- NONE

**BOATS/TRAILERS:**

- NONE

**OTHER EQUIPMENT:**

- Several of the scuba bottles have hydro dates that are overdue for hydro
- ~~Portable radio 17-A missing~~
- ~~Traffic cones missing from E-15~~
- Like to order battery for cordless dewalt sawsall  
(*\$ 100.00 quote from Interstate battery*)
- Running low on cases of water
- o Scrape failed hose

Fuel Report - 2013							
	Engine 15	Engine 16	Rescue 17	Engine 18	Tanker 19	Marine 20	Monthly Total
January	27.0	42.0	57.0	0.0	13.0	0.0	139.0
February	25.5	36.0	49.0	17.0	9.0	0.0	136.5
March	11.0	28.0	66.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	118.0
April	28.0	47.0	68.0	30.0	9.0	0.0	182.0
May	39.0	22.0	32.0	6.0	8.0	0.0	107.0
June	33.0	49.0	58.0	0.0	16.0	14.0	170.0
July	41.0	71.0	59.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	186.0
August	4.0	16.0	43.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	83.0
September	32.0	38.0	35.0	25.0	21.0	0.0	151.0
October							0.0
November							0.0
December							0.0
Apparatus total	240.5	349.0	467.0	98.0	91.0	27.0	1272.5

## Failures:

1. # GH 788	Blue	1 3/4"	50 ft.	over 10 yrs
2. # GH 782	Blue	1 3/4"	50 ft.	over 10 yrs
3. # GH 882	Red (Plastic)	1 3/4"	50ft.	over 10 yrs [highrise]
4. # GH-01-004	Green	2 1/2"	50 ft.	2001
5. # GH-915	yellow	5"	100ft.	1994
6. # GH-918	yellow	5"	100ft.	1994
7. # GH-00-003	yellow	5"	100ft.	2000
8. # GH-05-008	yellow	5"	100ft.	2005
9. # GH-10-007	yellow	5"	100ft.	2010
10. # GH-10-016	yellow	5"	100ft	2010

\* if possible order single jacketed hose , packs better in our hose beds

Currently 15 & 16 both have 1500ft of supply hose and 18 has only 3".