



Board of Fire Commissioners

1 FIRST STREET

SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2014

7:30 pm

Citizens' Engine Company

COPY RECEIVED

DATE: 6/26/14

TIME: 10:35 AM

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Commissioner's attending: Clay Jurgens, Gene Atkas, Scott Andrews, Chris Motasky
(7:33)

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

Plaque presented to Thomas Jensen for 17 years of service as Department Mechanic.

Correspondence:

None

Motion made to accept May meeting minutes as submitted made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 3-0.

Motion made to Accept minutes from May 20th Special Meeting made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 3-0.

Financial Report:

Motion made to accept Financial Report as submitted by Commissioner Andrews, .
Approved 5-0.

Fire Marshal's Report: See attached

Motion made to accept Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 3-0.

June Chief's Minutes:

Discussion:

-Commissioner Atkas asked if anyone has heard back from the Founder's Day committee. Captain Burgess stated that the next founder's day meeting is next week and that he will follow up.

-Commissioner Atkas asked about the completion of the fish ladder. Chief Smith stated he heard possibly the end of July.

Motion made to accept June Chief's Minutes by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 3-0.

Motion made to go into executive session to discuss 2014/2015 Chief's appointments at 7:55 made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

Motion made to come out of executive session at 8:18 made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

No votes or motions were made in executive session.

Old Business:

A) 2014/2015 Chief's Appointments

Motion to appoint John Cronin as Chief, Michael Lombardi as 1st Asst. Chief, Stephen Childs as 2nd Asst. Chief, and Doug Zaniewski as 3rd Asst. Chief for 2014/2015 made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 4-0.

New Business-

-Commissioner Jurgens stated he received a quote back from DiGiori roofing for the repairs at Citizens.

-Commissioner Andrews stated that he had a policy for accident reporting/investigation. He stated he took these from a couple different policies he had and confined them.

-Commissioner Jurgens stated he had a policy for use of Town Vehicles. He stated that 90% came from the Town Employee manual. He also stated that numbers 4 and 5 were added.

Motion made to table both policies until next meeting made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by commissioner Andrews. Approved 4-0.

-Commissioner Andrews thanked Chief Smith for his time as Chief of the department.

-Chief Smith thanked everyone for their support.

-Commissioner Andrews stated that Wes Nelson was the new Lieutenant at Citizens' Engine.

-Commissioner Jurgens stated that he received a request from Citizens' engine President to have the back wall washed and painted for a total of \$1,900. He stated it would take approximately 1-2 days to complete the project. He also stated that the quote was good for 30 days.

Executive Session: None

Other Business:

-Commissioner Atkas stated that the appointments made tonight were made after lots of discussion amongst the commissioners. He also stated there would be a review of the chief's. Commissioner Atkas then stated that he feels the Board of Fire Chiefs needs to work as a team and everyone should have input and feel they are being listened too. In closing he thanked everyone for their time over this past year.

Public Comment: none

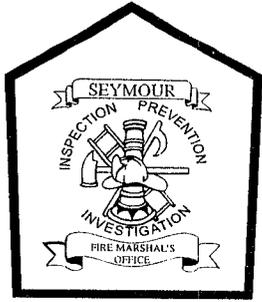
Requisitions: See Attached

Motion made to approve requisitions by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0.

**Motion made to adjourn at 8:40 by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens.
Approved 4-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Recording Secretary



Office Of The Fire Marshal
Town of Seymour
1 First Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 2014

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

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 5 inspections on new construction, 11 inspections on existing buildings and 8 re-inspections.

Blasting Site Inspection – 1 Blasting Complaints – 0 Other Complaints – 3 Meetings - 3

Detail Code Reviews – 0 Detail follow- up activities – 1 Hydrant inspections with follow up - 0

Letters sent out to Balance Rock tenants involving 20 pound propane tanks on balconies - 5

Burning Permits - 3

Major Activities

39 New Haven Road, Seybridge Plaza – There has been no change since last month. The Office is monitoring the construction progress for a two story small addition behind the Fitness Center.

Outside Training Attended – DFM Willis and Intern Josh Eighmie attended a court room training session at Connecticut Fire Academy during the Advance Fire Investigation Seminar given by the State Fire Marshal's Unit. DFM Willis attended a training seminar on emergency management with the EMD, First Selectman and Deputy First Selectman.

Training activities conducted – None

600 Derby Avenue, Haynes Quarry – Blasting activity at this site is continuing. I am monitoring the activities.

Churches – All churches have been inspected.

165 Pearl Street apartment complex, a single apartment – We are waiting for the work to be completed before a final inspection for a C.O. This project is temporarily on hold.

26 - 28 Bank Street and 54 Wakely Street (continued) – Substantial time was spent on this property again. The State Fire Marshal Office did not approve 7 of the 9 submitted code modifications from the owners. This resulted in a meeting, re-inspection, e-mails and reviews with the owners. They have agreed to an alternative plan and are re-working some of the violations and resubmitting modified plans to our Office.

Fire Lane and Hydrant Enforcement – I believe this is a dead issue. It is my understanding there is a lack of support from the Board of Police Commissioners.

Telephone: 203-881-5010 • Fax: 203-881-5005

5-7 Nichols Street – Considerable time was spent yet again on follow up activities regarding a significant outstanding fire code violation at this address. The owner has agreed to a plan of action and documentation and written agreements have occurred between this Office and the owner with the assistance from the State's Attorney's Office. Eventual code compliance should be reached in the near future.

Franklin Street, Haynes Building, Haynes Landscaping Store – There has been no more recent activity for this building complex.

7 First Street, AutoZone Plaza, Marshal Arts Training business – There has been new recent activities regarding this project. The sprinkler work has been completed along with some other interior work.

79, 89 and 101 Bank Street, Seymour Lumber Company – The anticipated demolition of these buildings is on hold. It appears the issue is the requirement that the asbestos materials from these buildings must first be removed. There has been no change since last month.

45 Broad St. Congregational Church – Fire code upgrades are continuing to occur. Re-inspections and meetings with contractors and church representatives continue to occur. Most of the effort now is on fire door replacement for the exit stairs.

165 Main St., Strand Theatre – Multiple meetings, Code review and inspections has continued to occur to bring the theatre up to code. Work is still progressing to address issues.

Internship – Josh Eighmie interned with the Office for 3 weeks. An internship was a requirement for graduation from a local private high school. A list of activities was created for him by me and DFM Willis. We took him to multiple buildings to experience what they do with an interest in chemistry. A summarized list includes visiting Rural Gas, Kerite Company, Seymour's Sewage Plant, reviewing code requirements for above and below ground flammable, combustible liquid and chemical tanks, show and tell of fire protection equipment at the Library, inspecting buildings, attending the Court Room day at the Advanced Arson Investigation class at the Fire Academy, reading assignments and creating a lesson plan to educate senior citizens on fire safety.

Significant Fire Investigations: Roosevelt Drive brush fires – Considerable time was spent again this month on the investigation on the multiple arson brush fires along Rt. 34 from Orange to Oxford since last year. This includes follow up on leads, computer searching, interviewing witnesses and working with the State Fire Marshal's Office. This remains an active investigation.

Submitted by,



Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal
June 3 2014

Cc. File

**Seymour Fire Department
Chiefs Requisitions**

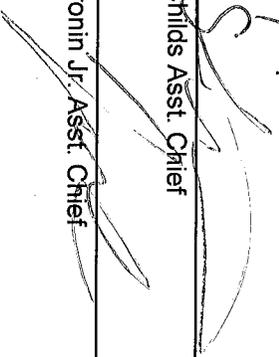
By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

Date: _____

6/9/14



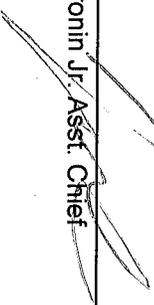
James Smith, Chief



Steve Childs Asst. Chief



Michael Lombardi, Asst. Chief



John Cronin Jr. Asst. Chief