



Board of Fire Commissioners

1 FIRST STREET

SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2014

7:00p.m.

Citizen's Engine Company

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DATE: 11/24/14
TIME: 8:35 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Commissioner's attending: Gene Atkas, Scott Andrews, Clay Jurgens, Chris Motasky

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept August Meeting Minutes Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

Correspondence:

Letter from Thomas Eighmie regarding Engine 18.

Financial Report:

Motion made to accept Financial Report as submitted by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0

Fire Marshal's Report:

Motion to accept August Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews, Approved 4-0.

Motion to accept September Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0.

September Chief's Minutes:

Motion made to accept Minutes by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

October Chief's Minutes:

Discussion:

-Commissioner Atkas asked about the request for a boot drive. Chief Cronin stated that the Chief's denied the request.

Motion made to accept October Chief's minutes made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 4-0.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Jurgens stated that public works started to work on the tower at Citizens. The screening has also started.
- Commissioner Atkas stated that the mechanic engineering supervisor posting was sent to the HR department and was approved for posting.

Motion to post for the Seymour Fire Department Mechanic Engineering supervisor position made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 4-0.

-Chief Cronin stated that hose testing was completed.

Motion to surplus any failed hose made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

New Business:

-Commissioner Atkas asked if Thomas Eighmie had any other comments regarding his correspondence. Tom Eighmie stated there was nothing further to add. Commissioner Atkas asked if Chief Cronin had looked into ISO. Chief Cronin stated that in his opinion the rating wouldn't be effected heavily but he is willing to look into it further. Commissioner Motasky stated that it has been vetted by 3 previous chiefs that the town put a hydrant plan in place. He also stated they would never put life safety. Commissioner Motasky stated he felt that both trucks have been out of service for quite a while. Commissioner Andrews asked if we know what the impact would be for ISO and also the cost to homeowners. Chief Cronin said he is willing to look into ISO to see what the impact would be. Tom Eighmie stated that ISO recommended that Engine 18 was a reserve pumper. Commissioner Motasky recommends asking to be put on the agenda for the Board of Selectmen

meeting to discuss the steps that need to happen regarding the sale of Engines 10 and 18. Commissioner Andrews also recommend contacting the Board of Selectmen.

Motion to table the surplus of Engines 10 and 18 until November meeting and to also attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on 11/18 made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

-Chief Cronin stated that a tanker drill will be held on November 8th.

-Commissioner Jurgens asked about the strategic plan regarding the roof at Great Hill Hose. Chief Cronin stated that the town wants to see all completed work.

Commissioner Jurgens asked about the work to be done at Citizens that is mentioned in the plan. He stated that Nafis and Young stated this didn't need to be done. Chief Cronin stated he was unaware of this and that he will change it in the plan.

Motion to accept the strategic plan with changes made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

Public Comment- None

Executive Session-None

Other Business:

Motion to empower the Chiefs to enter in Mutual aid agreement as set forth made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

Requisitions: See Attached

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

Motion made to adjourn at 8:34pm by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Recording secretary



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

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

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 2 inspections on new construction, 9 inspections on existing buildings and 11 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 – 1
Meetings - 11

Detail Code Reviews – 3 Detail follow-up activities – 1 Hydrant inspections with follow up - 1

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

Burning Permits – 0 The scheduling of re-inspection activities has been increased.

Major Activities

Outside Training Attended – There were no training classes attended this month.

Training activities conducted – I created a lesson plan and conducted the annual fire safety training for the residents of Smithfield Gardens 28 Smith Street. DFM Willis created a lesson plan and conducted the annual training for the staff of Smithfield Gardens. The training of staff had to be performed on two separated training days due to their work schedules.

600 Derby Avenue, Haynes Quarry – Blasting activity has temporary stopped. Blasting has stopped due to the aggressive blasting activities being done in Oxford for Haynes shopping center.

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) – We are working on the Code violations with the owners. They are proposing plans to address the issues in short and long term time frames.

Franklin Street, Haynes Building, Haynes Landscaping Store – There has been no recent activity for this building complex. However, the landscaping retail operation continues to operate.

79, 89 and 101 Bank Street, Seymour Lumber Company – The anticipated demolition of these buildings is on hold. A potential demolition date is unknown to this writer. There has been no change since last month.

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45 Broad St. Congregational Church – There has been no change since last month. We are still waiting for an anticipated plan in order to address the front stairway non-fire rated walls and doors. An elevator is being planned for future installation.

165 Main St., Strand Theatre – Work is still progressing to address issues.

172 North Street, Nail Saloon – Construction work is continuing. We are monitoring the progress and conducting periodic inspections.

770 Derby Avenue – The office conducted another plan review for a building shell. It is approximately 6,000 square feet in size. Potential tenants have not been selected yet. This is behind the Veneer building.

Heritage Drive – The office conducted follow up activities regarding this potential hoarding issue. A site visit and meetings and discussion with a relative were conducted in order to assist them in the problem.

Schools – DFM Willis and volunteers inspected all 4 schools. This resulted in significant time in both inspections and report writing time.

Pizzaro's Pizza, 225 West Street Oxmour Plaza – A plan review was done on this new brick oven pizza restaurant.

141 Main St, Ct Partnership for Families – A plan review was conducted on this small office space.

98 Bank Street – I conducted an initial investigation with follow up on a water leak in the Board of Education section that leaked down into the Health Department that significantly affected both of their floors. Most of the time was spent ensuring that the flooded fire alarm system devices got replaced and the fire alarm system got back to full service.

Fire Prevention Poster Contest – The Office conducted a fire prevention poster contest with the Explorer's Learning Center 30 Progress Ave. It worked out very well. The winners got a ride in a fire truck from Citizens Engine Company.

35 Woodcrest, Group Home – The Office reviewed the slow response time of an evacuation test from this facility. We discussed and formed a plan to improve the situation. We had a meeting with several representatives from the company. They have agreed to work on our recommendations.

29 Maple Street, old Anna Lopresti School – An initial meeting was attended with the potential future owners and developers of this building. The meeting went well.

Tim and I took some paid time off days this month. This resulted in a lower activity level.

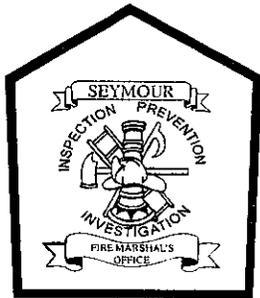
Significant Fire Investigations: 40 Nichols Avenue - An accidental cooking fire occurred.

70 Maple Street – This appears to be an arson fire of an outside shed. The Office is working with the Seymour Police Department on follow up activities.

Each event requires a detailed written report to be completed.

Submitted by

Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal September 15 2014
Cc. File



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

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

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 6 inspections on new construction, 4 inspections on existing buildings and 11 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 - 13

Detail Code Reviews – 2 Detail follow- up activities – 10 Hydrant inspections with follow up - 1

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

Burning Permits – 1

Major Activities

Outside Training Attended – I and DFM Willis attended a Town Hall class on Behavior Management. DFM Willis attended a State Fire Marshal class at Fairfield University on the proposed Hazardous Materials Code and a special class on “After the Fire” given at University of Conn in Storrs.

Training activities conducted – No training activities were conducted during this month.

600 Derby Avenue, Haynes Quarry – Blasting activity has temporarily stopped. It is unknown when they will start up again.

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) – 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.

Franklin Street, Haynes Building, Haynes Landscaping Store – There has been no recent activity for this building complex. However, the landscaping retail operation continues to operate.

79, 89 and 101 Bank Street, Seymour Lumber Company – Some activity has occurred regarding the anticipated demolition of these buildings. A potential demolition date is unknown to this writer.

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45 Broad St. Congregational Church – There has been no change since last month. We are still waiting for an anticipated plan in order to address the front stairway non-fire rated walls and doors. An elevator is being planned for future installation.

165 Main St., Strand Theatre – Most of the issues has been corrected and a new Knox Box has been installed. I am marking this occupancy work complete for this report.

172 North Street, Lily's Nail Saloon – This project is complete. A certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Building Inspector.

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

Pizzaro's Pizza, 225 West Street Oxmour Plaza – Two more plan reviews were conducted for this new restaurant. This included a hand built brick oven for cooking and a cooking exhaust hood and duct work. The review and inspections on this brick oven were time consuming due to a unique and never seen before design.

141 Main St, Ct Partnership for Families – A plan review was conducted on this small office space. The construction is being monitored.

Fire Prevention Activities – The Office used a significant amount of time on fire prevention activities. This included contacting, scheduling, posting and announcing our visits with 2 elementary schools and 6 child day cares, working with the 2 elementary schools and one child day care on initiating a fire prevention poster contest and putting up fire prevention posters in two elementary schools and 5 Town buildings.

Safety Work – I conducted inspections on all step and extension ladders used by Town custodians in 4 buildings. This also included many follow up activities as the Town's Safety Coordinator. I worked on and conducted follow up activities for the Safety Committee. I assisted the new Library Director in a safety concern they are working on. I attended and participated in a training activity regarding Public Works. This training was on work zone safety and hazardous awareness.

Operation Save A Life – The Office attended this event in New Haven which promoted the use of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to save lives. It was supported by many major companies. These companies paid for giving away smoke and c.o. alarms. The Office picked up 72 smoke alarms and 33 carbon monoxide alarms.

Pumpkin Festival – The Office inspected all necessary food booths and did a fire standby.

Significant Fire Investigations: 132 Silvermine Road, structure fire - This has been determined to be an accidental fire. The fire started in a vehicle engine compartment that was being worked on in an auto shop inside the building. While the fire itself was not major, significant smoke damage occurred in areas of the building.

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Submitted by,



Paul Wetowitz

Seymour Fire Marshal October 16 2014

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Seymour Fire Department
Chiefs Requisitions

OCT 2014
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Qty	Item Description	Vendor	Price ea.	Total	Acct. No.	P.O. No.
1	Fire Instructor 1 class-rollinson	Fairfield Regional Fire School	\$390.00	\$390.00	350	101677
1	Litter STA/STL rescue, Rectang CMC 726101	Shipmans	\$647.50	\$647.50	745	78
4	Patient tie in system 1-pc litter cmc 724151	Shipmans	\$192.10	\$768.40	745	79
1	Flotation Collar. Litter 726210	Shipmans	\$339.94	\$339.94	745	80
2	System Pac org cmc 440511	Shipmans	\$183.60	\$367.20	745	81
4	Litter harness Proseries CMC 724121	Shipmans	\$219.30	\$877.20	745	82
1	UPS-GH Training computer	WB Mason	\$106.85	\$106.85	745	83
10	Portable chargers	communication Services	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	745	84
1	Latch Assembly for Engine 13	KME	\$382.20	\$382.20	430	85
1	Extension Hose (recommend after service) hurst	Firematic	\$656.00	\$656.00	743	86
1	Fire instructor 1 class-Edwards	Easton Fire	\$458.00	\$458.00	350	already cut
2	Lights for R-17 relay	Spartan	\$60.00	\$120.00	430	87
8	8 probation shields	firestore	\$38.00	\$304.00	615	88
4	Helmets-3 red, 1 white	Shipmans	\$257.50	\$1,030.00	615	91
4	Helmet shields-chief, captain, 2 LT	Shipmans	\$48.50	\$194.00	615	92
1	Engraving for portables	communication Services	\$450.00	\$450.00	745	89
1	Fan for L-14 cab	communication Services	\$55.00	\$55.00	430	90
30	Plastic Holders	brochure holders inc	\$3.28	\$98.40	745	
2	Ice Rescue suits plus shipping	Shipmans	\$927.78	\$1,860.51	745	93
1	Rescue 17 Amkus tool Hose repair	Five Star	\$1475.00	\$1475.00	745	94
	Auto zero - 2 Bills				745	95
	R-12 - AC Repair	Firematic	259.58	259.58	430	96

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