

Board of Fire Commissioners

1 First Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

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Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2013

7:00p.m.

Great Hill Hose Company

Commissioner's attending: Gene Atkas, Scott Andrews, Clay Jurgens, and Chris Motasky (arrived at 7:55)

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

Motion made to accept August Meeting Minutes Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 3-0.

Correspondence: Letter from town engineer Nafis & Young stated that they agreed with the roof repair quote from DiGiori roofing.

Financial Report:

Commissioner Jurgens stated that all of the 2012/2013 open purchase orders have been closed with the exception of Northeastern for Tanker 19 repairs.

Motion made to accept Financial Report as submitted by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 3-0

Fire Marshal's Report: See Attached

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

September Chief's Minutes:

Discussion:

-Chief Smith stated that the OSHA inspection was started. The respiratory program needs more detail such as who is responsible, further documentation on inspections.

-Chief Smith also stated that the side entry at Citizens needs to be cleared out and that if this had been an actual inspection it would have been a finable offense.

-Chief Smith also stated that this inspection process is an ongoing process and the next scheduled date will be some time in November.

Motion made to accept Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 3-0.

Old Business:

- Chairmen Atkas stated that both purchase orders have been cut for the roof at Great Hill.
- Chairmen Atkas also stated that 4 doors at Great Hill have the new key system installed.
- Commissioner Andrews asked if there was any information concerning the tower at Citizens.
- Chief Smith stated that there was a workshop held on Sunday about capital projects.
- Chief Smith stated that himself and Asst. Chief Cronin attended a FEMA conference regarding grants.
- Commissioner Jurgens stated that there was a bill from Housantonic paper for Great hill. He also stated this was an unauthorized purchased.

New Business:

-Chief Smith stated that hose testing was conducted and there was 5 length's from Citizens and 9 length's from Great Hill that failed.

-Chief Smith stated that there is a possible problem with Truck 14 and that the Department Mechanic is checking into the problem.

-Chief Smith and Asst. Chief Lombardi attended a smoke detector/carbon monoxide detector program. The department received approximately 100 of each detector to be handed out to the public.

-Asst. Chief Cronin will be holding a class for Firehouse Software.

-Chief Smith stated that the paperwork for the exposure at the fatal accident was filed. Firefighter was seen and also following up.

-Chief Smith stated that he contacted Police Department chief in reference to dispatching issues.

-Captain Zaniewski stated that 4 doors were installed at Great Hill. He also inquired about a time frame on getting at least 2 more doors done. Commissioner Atkas stated that they would have to see where the budget stands.

Public Comment- None
Executive Session-None

Other Business: None

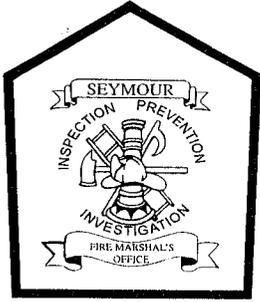
Requisitions: See Attached

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

Motion made to adjourn at 8:55pm by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews.
Approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Clerk



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SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 2013

Below is a brief summary of the major work activities that the Seymour Fire Marshal's Office conducted during the month of July 2013:

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 2 inspections on new construction, 11 inspections on existing buildings and 6 re-inspections.

Blasting Site Inspection – 0

Blasting Complaints – 0

Other Complaints – 0

Major Activities

172 North Street, New Chinese restaurant, shopping center – We are monitoring the construction activities for this new restaurant.

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.

396 North Main Street, the old Valley Garage –Progress in addressing the Code violations is continuing. The Office continues to monitor the Code upgrade progress on this building.

Outside Training Attended– None in July.

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

West Church Street at Ryder Avenue, Aquarion Water Pump Station – This project is almost completed. We are monitoring the construction activities.

18 Old Drive – We are monitoring the construction activities at this site. This second floor office should be inspected by this Office for a C.O shortly.

Churches – DFM Willis is still working on inspecting all churches in town. Other more immediate activities have temporary stopped progress.

School Security Committee – The Office continues to assist this committee with anticipated upgrades for the security of the schools.

15 Franklin Street, Haynes Construction – Work continues at this old manufacturing building to move Haynes's stone cutting operation from Deep River into this building. Other uses of this building by Haynes are still in the discussion stage.

Office Set Up Activities – We are still waiting for Public Works to move two heavy cabinets out of the Office before we move to Phase 2 of the Office re-arrangement plan. Due to their manpower shortage, this is taking longer than anticipated.

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.

20 Pine Street, Boys and Girls Club – The Town has received approval for a Code modification request from the State Fire Marshal and Building Inspector's Offices to keep the old classroom doors in the lower level and modify them so they are self closing and positive latching instead of replacing them with 20 minute fire doors. The project may be completed by October. It appears that the Boys and Girls Club may be operating there by November.

172 North Street, Yogurt Island – A plan review has been conducted for this new business moving into this fairly new shopping plaza.

North Main Street, Henny Penny Store – A partial plan review has been conducted for this new mini mart and gasoline station moving into the space presently occupied by Sweets and Eats and the old Shell Gas Station.

Safety Committee – I conducted our quarterly meeting, completed the meeting minutes and conducted multiple follow up activities. I attended and participated in OSHA training for the Town Custodians on Blood Borne Pathogens, PPE and Hazard Communication.

Town Hall Employee Training – DFM Willis assisted our Town's Insurance Loss Control Engineer in conducting Hazard Communication training for Town Hall employees.

Significant Fire Investigations: Sochrin's Park Playscape, Moss Avenue - This was an arson fire. It appears somebody attempted to burn the plastic playscape at the park. The Office conducted multiple investigation follow up activities include neighborhood canvassing, door to door and placing many Arson Tip Signs at the Park and surrounding streets. No additional information has been received to date.

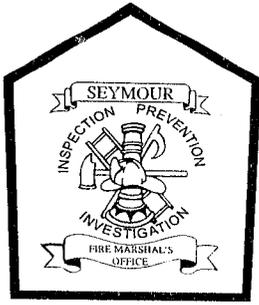
105 Davis Road structure fire with a fatality – This fire, at this time, has an unknown cause. There was too much fire damage to the garage and contents to make a determination. It started in the garage but an exact point of origin is undetermined at this time. A female fatality was discovered in the garage. At the writing of this report, the identity of the female is waiting for DNA analysis to be completed.

Submitted by,



Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal
August 22 2013

Cc. File



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SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 2013

Below is a brief summary of the major work activities that the Seymour Fire Marshal's Office conducted during the month of August 2013:

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 3 inspections on new construction, 11 inspections on existing buildings and 4 re-inspections. One underground propane tank inspection was also conducted.

Blasting Site Inspection – 0 Blasting Complaints – 1 Other Complaints – 1

I took some sick time every week this month due to a medical issue. This lowered the number of my activities this month.

Major Activities

172 North Street, the new Chinese restaurant called Sushi and Wok, shopping center – A plan review was performed on the cooking equipment automatic fire extinguishing system. We are also monitoring the construction activities for this new restaurant and conducting construction inspections as requested. It is nearing completion.

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.

396 North Main Street, the old Valley Garage – The Office continues to monitor the Code upgrade activities on this building. Progress is good.

Outside Training Attended– None in August.

Training activities conducted – I and DFM Willis did lesson plans and conducted our yearly fire safety training for the staff and residents at Smithfield Gardens 26 Smith Street. This also included 1 Saturday.

600 Derby Avenue, Haynes Quarry – Blasting activity at this site is continuing. I am monitoring the activities. It is anticipated that the blasting at this site may continue for up to 1 to 2 years.

West Church Street at Ryder Avenue, Aquarion Water Pump Station – This project is almost completed. We are monitoring the construction activities.

18 Old Drive – The construction activities at this site should be near completion. This second floor office should be inspected by this Office for a C.O shortly.

Churches – DFM Willis is still working on inspecting all churches in town. Other more immediate activities have temporary stopped progress.

Schools – DFM Willis with the assistance from DFM Fritz and FI Cronin inspected the 4 schools we have in Seymour. DFM Willis completed the reports and sent them out to the BOE.

School Security Committee – The Office's main work on this committee is completed for now. With the beginning of the school year, many modifications have been completed in the schools.

15 Franklin Street, Haynes Construction – The major work in the old manufacturing large building has temporarily been stopped. The smaller building to its North now has a small stone cutting operation in operation. Other uses of this building by Haynes are still in the discussion stage.

Office Set Up Activities – Public Works has finally moved two heavy cabinets out of the Office. DFM Willis has completed all of the rearrangement of furniture and other objects in the rear room. There now is a lot more room in the back area for him and the Blight Officer. This project is completed.

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.

20 Pine Street, Boys and Girls Club – The necessary Code pre-construction work is beginning to occur in order to occupy the lower level of this building. This project may be completed by October. It appears that the Boys and Girls Club may be operating there by November.

172 North Street, Yogurt Island – Work has begun to occur in this space to have this yogurt store operating in this new shopping plaza. The Office is monitoring the progress and conducting construction inspections as requested.

North Main Street, Henny Penny Store – More plan review has been conducted for this new mini mart and gasoline station moving into the space presently occupied by Sweets and Eats and the old Shell Gas Station.

Water Line relining – DFM Willis attended a meeting with the Aquarian Water Company and Public Works Director Dennis Rozum regarding the water company's plan to reline water mains in the Silvermine Road area. This is part of there upgrading to infrastructure in Seymour.

44 Smith Street, Day Care and Music School – I spent time reviewing the building and Code review on a proposal to put a new day care and music school in the first floor of this building. Years ago, the Teddy Bear Day Care Nursery School occupied this level before it moved over to 200 South Main Street.

Significant Fire Investigations: 105 Davis Road structure fire with a fatality – DFM Willis spent considerable time with follow up activities and writing the fire report. He also witnessed the autopsy at the Medical Examiners Office in Farmington.
I also spent time with follow up activities and reviewing the report. The cause of the fire is still undetermined, at this time. There was too much fire damage to the garage and contents to make a determination. It started in the garage but an exact point of origin is undetermined, at this time. A female fatality was discovered in the garage. At the writing of this report, the identity of the female is still waiting for DNA analysis to be completed.

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Seymour Fire Marshal
September 5 2013

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**Seymour Fire Department
Chief's Requisitions**

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

Date: _____

James Smith, Chief

Steve Childs Asst. Chief

Michael Lombardi, Asst. Chief

John Cronin Jr. Asst. Chief