

Board of Fire Commissioners

1 First Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

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Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2013

7:00p.m.

Great Hill Hose Company

Commissioner's attending: Peter Sampiere, Clay Jurgens, Scott Andrews, and Chris Motasky

Commissioner Gene Atkas arrived at 7:45.

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

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

Correspondence: Letter from Valley Community Foundation Grant.

-Letter from Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz regarding blasting for the Fish Ladder project.

Financial Report:

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

Fire Marshal's Report: See Attached

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

Motion to approve a Voluntary Osha Inspectio, date to be determined, made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0.

May Chief's Minutes:

Discussion:

-Commissioner Jurgens asked Asst. Chief Cronin about members with expiration dates over 100 days.

-Commissioner Andrews asked about the approval for grants. He stated that all grants should go thru town hall. He also stated that the department needs to follow proper procedures.

Motion made to accept Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

Old Business:

Motion to add appointment of Chiefs for Fiscal year 2013/2014 made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Motion to appoint Michael Lombardi as 3rd assistant Chief made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd made by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 5-0.

Motion made to appoint John Cronin Jr. as 2nd assistant Chief made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Motion made to appoint Stephen Childs as 1st assistant Chief made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

Motion made to appoint James Smith as Fire Chief made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

New Business:

- Commissioner Andrews stated that the contractor for the Fish Ladder has received there award letter to proceed Last Thursday and that the work has begun. The project is scheduled to last at max. 300 days according to the contract. He also stated that parking is going to be a nightmare and recommended that gear be kept in personal vehicles and respond directly to the scene.

Motion to surplus the "John" boat made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

- Chief Smith stated that the President at Citizens Engine would like the light switches be changed to automatic similar to Great Hill. Commissioner Motasky stated that he would contact Tony Caserta.

Motion to surplus any hose at both houses made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

- Chief Smith would like the Seymour FD to host a FF 2 in September at Great Hill.

Motion to schedule ff2 class if dates coordinate made by commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

Commissioner Motasky stated he would like to see 4 assistant Chiefs and 1 Chief. With 2 from each house. He would also like to see an ordinance change stating a 2 year term for Chiefs positions.

Motion to table the addition of an Assistant Chief made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

Commissioner Atkas would like a letter sent to Commissioners, Chiefs, Emergency management, and First Selectmen to discuss procedures and policies.

Motion to setup a meeting with commissioners, Chiefs, emergency management, and first Selectmen made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

Commissioner Andrews stated he attended a FEMA meeting regarding the Blizzard. Records are needed for FEMA reporting.

Public Comment- None

Motion to go into Executive Session at 9:53 pm for personnel by Commissioner Sampiere, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 5-0.

Motion made to come out of executive session at 10:22 by Commissioner Sampiere, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

No votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

Other Business: None

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Requisitions: See Attached

**Motion made to approve requisition by Commissioner Sampiere, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky.
Approved 5-0.**

**Motion made to adjourn at 10:28 by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere.
Approved 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Clerk



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Town of Seymour

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

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

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 6 inspections on new construction, 7 inspections on existing buildings and 9 re-inspections.

Blasting Site Inspection – 0

Blasting Complaints – 0

Other Complaints – 1

Major Activities

172 North Street, shopping center – A plan review was conducted for a new Chinese restaurant to occupy one of the remaining vacant areas.

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 – There has been no change since last month. The Office is monitoring the Code upgrade progress on this building.

Outside Training Attended– DFM Willis and I attended a class on Kids and Explosives given by the ATF in North Thompson Ct. DFM Willis assisted the State Fire Marshal Office with its yearly Advances Fire Investigation class at the Fire Academy. Several Office members attended a fire investigation class and its relationship to fire code issues.

42 Silvermine Road, Thule Company – No inspection was conducted on the office renovation. They are nearing the completion of the project.

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 includes the upgrading of this pump station. We are monitoring the construction activities.

18 Old Drive – We are monitoring the construction activities at this site. It is anticipate that this second floor office will be inspected by this Office for a C.O.

109 River Street, Housatonic Wire Company fire trial– I and DFM Willis spent considerable time preparing to testify at this civil trial. I and State Fire Marshal Paul Makuc did testify at the trail at Derby Court. DFM Willis was not called to testify. It was a good learning experience for me.

Churches – DFM Willis has started to inspect all churches in town.

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

15 Franklin Street, Haynes Construction – This is the old vacant cable company building. The Office conducted an initial building review and plan review in anticipation of them moving their stone cutting operation into this building from Deep River Ct. Other uses of this building by them is in the discussion stage.

Office Set Up Activities – We are 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.

Significant Fire Investigations: None reported.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Wetowitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal
May 7 2013

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Seymour Fire Department
Chief's Requisitions

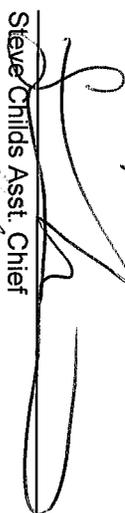
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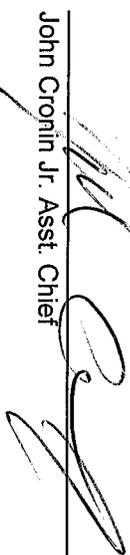
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James Smith, Chief


Michael Lombardi, Asst. Chief


Steve Childs Asst. Chief


John Cronin Jr. Asst. Chief