



Town of Seymour

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**BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS**

1 FIRST STREET, SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Meeting Minutes 11-02-2015

Attendees: John Cronin, Michael Lombardi, and Doug Zaniewski

Other: Matt Calzone, Al Rochelle, Chris Edwards and others.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chief John Cronin.
2. All were led in the pledge to the flag.
3. The meeting minutes of October 5, 2015 were approved. Motion: Doug Z/  
M.Lombardi Vote 3/0
4. Public Comment:  
Al Rochelle (County Coordinator) discussed the Regional Task Plan. He explained the proper protocol for the plan noting that there was a dispatch problem with the recent barn fire in Middlebury. Al further went on to say that local resources should be utilized first then call for a Tanker Strike. Chief Cronin stated that an Internal Plan would have to set up in regards to who, and what would respond if called. Al further stated that an asset inventory is underway for all of New Haven County. Al also gave an update on the Fire School to be built in Beacon Falls. Bids to be awarded in December with ground breaking in April and fully operation by July 2017. He spoke about classes now stating payment must be made up front and are on a first come first served basis, costs are rising and state money is less due to state budget cuts.
5. Correspondence:  
A letter of invitation was received from the Seymour Cultural and Arts Commission for an unveiling of a obelisk depicting the history of the town. The date is Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M. at the Broad Street Park. Chief Cronin said that we should look into getting people to attend.
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. New Business:
  - a. Meeting Dates 2016-Chief Cronin presented the Chiefs Meeting date schedule for 2016. A discussion took place with the question as to why the meeting dates were moved to Tuesday due to holidays and by what authority. Although a motion and second were made to move the dates to Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> no vote was taken. The schedule will be discussed at the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.
  - b. Firehouse Software-Chief Cronin stated the run forms had all been entered but that more detail was needed (what actions you took, names of occupants, pole numbers etc.). Discussion followed about the way in which the names of members appear on the forms and whether the Board of Fire Chiefs is a recognized board. Chief Cronin stated that he will look into a solution to the run forms and that the board is to act and conduct business like any other board as requested by the Board of Fire Commissioners and First Selectman.
  - c. Budget Items-Chief Cronin stated that it is time to start prioritizing needs and wants for Budget preparation. He also said that emphasis will be placed on



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new equipment, OSHA, and Repairs/Maintenance. A budget workshop will take on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Great Hill Hose Co. time will also be devoted at this meeting for Fire House Software training.

- d. Paging Frequency-Chief Cronin stated that the dispatch channel is shared with Litchfield County. All mobile radios, portables, and pagers will have to be re-programmed. Minitor 3's and 4's will be taken out of service as they cannot be reprogrammed. Minitor 5's and 6's have the ability to be reprogrammed. Costs for the 6's is \$850 dollars and \$400 dollars for the USA Pagers. Litchfield County will possibly provide some money for new pagers. All present were in agreement that the department will maintain the single tone.

#### 8. Training:

Chief Lombardi stated that 10 students for the FF 1 class in Oxford. There is no waiting list. He also said a PO needs to be cut for \$8500 dollars to the Valley Fire School. He also stated that more diligence is needed in screening of students. Chief Cronin said that some preschool training could be done with SCBA, Mask Testing, Ropes/Knots, and DOT Haz Mat Guides. Chief Lombardi said that Rescue 12 will be needed at Great Hill Hose Co. on November 15<sup>th</sup> to supplement activities associated with the FF 2 class.

**Due to the tape recording device memory being full the tape stopped at 1 hour and 7 minutes.**

**The below items were notes that were taken after the tape stopped.**

#### 8a. Training continued-

Capt. Edwards stated that a member who cannot shave for religious reasons is in need of a mask, he was told that as long as he could find one that was OSHA approved it would be acceptable but more information is needed.

9. Physicals- Chief Cronin distributed lists of members who need physicals.

#### 10. Repairs and Maintenance:

- T 14 got a lot of work done and is running much better after being run through its paces.
- Other apparatus has been brought to Tracy's for rivals awaiting results which will shape our budget for equipment.
- Rescue 12's Hurst tool motor has seized, Commissioner Jurgens has ordered a new one.
- Rescue 17 is awaiting service for Amkus Tool.
- Mike Fritz stated that there is an air leak on the in house air compressor



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at Great Hill. Also Bank #2 on Rescue 17 is leaking. Chief Cronin stated that we are awaiting service from the vendor.

- Chief Cronin wants the engineers to do a physical inventory of all equipment.
- Chief Cronin stated the Knox box on Rescue 17 needs to be sent back to Knox for repairs.
- Chief Cronin said that Tracy's will give us a list of all fixes needed.

11. Company Event's for November: None

12. Captains Comments:

Capt. Edwards asked about dates for gear fitting and was told a date will be scheduled. He also stated that Marine 20's speaker is too close to the operators and the radio needs to be protected from moisture.

13. Chief's Comments:

Chief Zaniewski asked about an update in the issues with the past clerk. Chief Cronin stated that he and Commissioner Jurgens are working with town Hall. He also said that the lead investigator has not met with them yet.

Chief Zaniewski said he is working on two SOPS that have been distributed for review purposes; they will be discussed next month.

Chief Lombardi that Oxfords ladder will be out of service for the next 4 to 5 days and that Tower 14 will cover.

Chief Cronin spoke about an issue with the Police Department at a recent call on Briarwood Drive; the deputy chief will look into the matter.

14. Public Comment: None

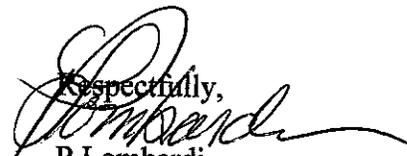
15. Executive Session: None

16. Chief's Requisitions

16 Items- Motion by Doug Z/M.Lombardi Vote???????

17. Adjournment:

9:30 P.M. Motion by Doug Z/M.Lombardi Vote???????

Respectfully,  
  
P.Lombardi  
Rec. Secretary-Pro Tem