

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
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BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS

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Regular Monthly Meeting
United Fire and Rescue
September 28, 2015

Commissioners Present: Bolmer, Cragin, Goosman, Manna, Nezvesky and Whelan
Marshals Present: Frampton, Halstead and Murphy
Commissioners Absent: Jossick
Chiefs Present: Ciaccia, Halstead, Murphy and Basso

Chairman Manna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman's Comments: Chairman Manna thanked those who attended the motorcycle ride event for their support.

Minutes:

MOTION: Goosman moved that the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of July 27, 2015, be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Whelan
Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Goosman moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 12, 2015, be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Whelan
Motion passed unanimously

Correspondence to BOFC

Date	From/To	Subject
None		

Correspondence from BOFC

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8/17/15	Manna/Newtown Women's Club	Thank you for \$350 donation to all departments
8/19/15	Manna/Charles Kilson	Thank you for applying for DFM position
8/19/15	Manna/Andrew Boraski	Thank you for applying for DFM position
8/19/15	Manna/Joseph Cennamo	Thank you for applying for DFM position

Manna stated that the Steve Murphy has been appointed as Fire Marshal as of 9/15/15.
Jamie Lynn Sapata will complete DFM training classes (when they are available) in order to be eligible to be appointed as a DFM.

Public Participation:

None

Marshal's Report for the months of July and August

- Halstead reported there were 93 calls, 386 incidents, and 415 hours worked for July. Fees collected: \$80
- Halstead reported there were 92 calls, 251 incidents, and 223 hours worked for August. Fees collected: \$225

Halstead – July

- Site Review
- Liquor Permit
- Blasting Permit – 30 Woodbine Lane
- Insurance Info
- Knox Box Keys
- Knox Box Security Key Programming

Frampton – July

- CAC – Fire Drill
- Knox Box Key

Ober – July

- Fire Works Duty
- Damper Inspection
- School Door Inspections
- CAC - Fire Drill

Halstead - August

- Conference Call Table Top
- Liquor Permit – 6 Washington Avenue
- SHES – Walk through
- Tent Inspection – 29 Main Street
- Insurance Info
- Dispatch Rip and Run
- Edmond Road Site Review
- Temp Liquor Permit – Arts Festival

Ober – August

- Learning Center 274 S. Main – New Director
- Door Inspections Follow Up – HOM School
- Fire Extinguisher Training – NHS Science Dept.
- CAC – Fire Drill

Halstead reported that there are only two staff houses available at FFH to be used for training.

Halstead met last Friday with Pat Llodra and Maureen Will regarding the CAD system.

- There are difficulties converting to the new system. Therefore, Fire and EMS will stay with *New World* system for now at a cost of \$26K through next year which will be paid by Maureen Will's office.
- They have the opportunity to correct this situation within a year.
- All the systems are Police based.
- Police Department currently on the Next Gen system.

Committee Reports

- Combined Chiefs – Halstead stated that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30th.
- Truck – Nezvesky reported: #114 Compressor replaced. Burton has dollar amount. Atlantic Detroit starting bi-annual transmission service.
- Budget – Whelan asked that we look into the phone system situation for Sandy Hook. \$5K from Botsford and Sandy Hook should still be in the budget. \$10K will be taken out of fire house maintenance for the phones. Whelan will advise Purchasing Agent, Mike Burton.

- Policies and Procedures – Cragin reported that he has not heard back from the Charter Revision Commission regarding the BOFC's requested change regarding Civilian Commissioners voting.

Radio -no report

Hydrant - no report

Purchasing Agent Report - no report

NUSAR – no report

Old Business

Tanker Truck Committee:

- Matt Dobson reported that at the last meeting they met with New England Fire Apparatus.
- The last presentation from a final vendor will be this Wednesday.
- All information will be prepared and presented to the BOFC at next month's meeting.
- The Committee will make recommendations to the Board regarding the direction that the Committee feels the Board should take.
- Chief Halstead will discuss this information at the Chief's meeting this Wednesday.

New Business

Labor Day Parade:

Manna spoke with the Parade Committee prior to the parade regarding placement of the trucks. Manna would like to change how the process works and the placement of the fire services in the parade line up.

- Should fire services be first in the parade?
- Should a representative from the Board be on the parade committee?

Manna asked the Chief's to discuss this at the next Chief's Meeting and make recommendations to the BOFC that should be presented to the Parade Committee. Also, to advise the Parade Committee that the town is not being protected while the fire services are waiting for 3 hours in the parade line up.

Civilian Commissioner – Term for 10/15-10/18

Patrick Reilly of 8 Possum Ridge Road, Newtown, CT, submitted a letter to the BOFC to be considered for the Civilian Commissioner position, currently held by Lisa Goosman, whose term will expire October, 2015.

Goosman advised the Board that she would like to be considered for another term.

Training Requests:

MOTION: Whelan moved to accept NH&L's training request in the amount \$850 for FF1 Class.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Nezvesky moved to accept Botsford Fire and Rescue's request in the amount of \$1,744.80 for 4 members to attend the Terry Farrell Firefighter Fund event in Las Vegas.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Whelan moved to accept Sandy Hook's training request in the amount of \$1,250 for Forcible Entry Training, Prop, Instructor, etc.

Seconded: Goosman

Motion passed unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Hennessey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "H".

Terry Hennessey
Secretary