



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

August 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Sandy Hook Vol. Fire & Rescue Co.

18-20 Riverside Rd. Sandy Hook, Ct. 06482

**Meeting Opened By:** Pat Reilly, Chairman at 7:00 pm

**Commissioners Present:** Pat Reilly, Tim Whelan, Bob Kick, Jay Nezvesky, Ron Bolmer, Jeff Dugan

**Marshal's Present:** Rich Frampton, Dave Ober, Jamilynn Zapata, Steve Murphy

**Chiefs Present:** Chris Ward, Bill Halstead, Steve Murphy, John Basso

**Chairman's Comments:** Chairman Reilly shared his thoughts that he hopes for a great turnout from all Fire Departments at the Labor Day Parade this year, since Chief Halstead is the Grand Marshal.

**Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting July 22, 2019

Motion made to accept minutes made by: Bob Kick

Seconded by: Jay Nezvesky

Abstain:

Motion passed unanimously

**Correspondence from the Board:** None

**Correspondence to the Board:** None

**Public Participation:** None

**Marshal's Report:** - Reported by FM Frampton -see attached July 2019

**Marshal's Remarks:** None

**Purchasing Agent:** Steve reported that there was a surplus in the 18/19 budget year. He handed Bob Tait the invoices from Sandy Hook, Botsford and Dodgingtown for new Tanker fit outs and Bob Tait proposed the transfer the funds to pay them. He asked Steve to go to the Selectmen's meeting to propose to Board and it passed.

**Combined Chiefs:**

- Chief Halstead asked for all chiefs to inventory their pagers and radios.
- He asked Steve Murphy to look back at the last few years expenditures and get dollar figures on Pager and Radio repairs.
- Chief Halstead invited all companies to a 4 Night Training in September on non-certified safety officer class starting Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> anyone interested in attending is invited.

## Reports from Standing Committees

- **Policy & Procedures Committee:**
  - Purchasing Agent / Chief Murphy asked the Policy and Procedures committee to look into writing policy for increasing daytime driver pay. Sub-committee has been formed to look at this- Bob Kick, Jeff Dugan and Ron Bolmer and they will meet with the Chiefs at the next Chiefs meeting. Steve will break down the account that account for Pay Per Call, Pension and Daytime Paid drivers.
  - Steve Murphy also informed that the same company (Fail Safe) that does hose testing can also do nozzle and appliance testing as well. Can alternate with hard suction testing.
  - According to NFPA they suggest replacement of turnout gear every 10 years, the expense is astronomical. Look for an alternative to replacing gear. Bob Kick will look into drafting a policy/budget. Each Chief should compile their list of gear/PPE.
- Bob Kick passed out a packing comprised of Old SOG's, re-written SOGs, and several SOGs that could be deleted. He asked that all the commissioners review them for the month and come back at the September Meeting to vote on the changes and deletions.
- **Radio & Hydrant Committee:** None
- **Truck Committee:** Tim Whelan reported that the DOT and Pumps at Tracey's are wrapping up. He also reminded the Commissioner and Chiefs that if they are having any concerns with their vehicles to please let him know. Hawleyville ladder truck is budgeted to have yearly ladder testing.
- **Budget Committee:** Jay announced that he will be emailing the 20/21 Budget Template to the Chiefs and would like the budgets back by October 1, 2019
- **NUSAR** – Chief McCarthy stated there is an issue when NUSAR is dispatched. Spotted Dog messaging being longwinded and contained too much information as to what the requested operation NUSAR was dispatched for! He is waiting to find a resolution to this issue.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:**

**Hawleyville Tanker-** Tim Whalen spoke and after much discussion he made a motion to accept the BOFC Truck Committee recommendation as such.

"The board of fire Commissioners Truck Committee recommends that the Town of Newtown put the Hawleyville Tanker 339 out to public bid using the existing Guys Tanker Specification. The only change to this specification would be that the truck would be a four (4) man cab instead of a two (2) man Cab".

Seconded Jay Nezvesky

Abstain:

Motion passed unanimously

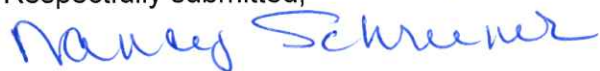
A motion to adjourn made by: Tim Whelan

Seconded by: Bob Kick

Passed unanimously

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk




TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	38	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	7/4/2019	78 A Walnut Tree Hill Rd.	10,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	19	7/11/2019	34 Meadbrook Rd. Barn, Apartment. Ca	452,000.00	
BRUSH	4				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	0	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	2	7/18/2019	I-84 Truck & trailer		
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	3				
MUTUAL AID	2				
STRUCTURES	2				
RESCUE	1	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	26				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	11				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	3				
MVA	18				
WATER EVACUATION/PUMP OUT	1				
CHIMNEY	1				
OTHER-(lighting strike)	1				
PUBLIC SERVICE	8				
APPLIANCE	1				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$462,000</b>	
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS			YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	65	385
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	43	184
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	18	110
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	32	147
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	61	311
				219	1137

Fire Company's Calls 142

The Fire Marshals had 342 incidents and 327 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$00.00., 0 tanks \$00.00, 0 burn\$0.00, 0 reports \$.00 Total \$00.00

## FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	8	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	6	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	39	
	2. Site Inspections	25	
	3. C.O. Inspections	4	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	4	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	5	
F	OFFICE	193	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	7	
I	TRAINING	0	
J	PURCHASING	44	
O	OTHER-Rich	3	
O	OTHER-Steve	3	
O	OTHER- Dave	1	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	342	327
Rich			
	3 Primrose St- Sprinkler Inspec.		
	NSB- Deposit		
	Market Place- Blocked Exit		
Steve			
	Knox Box Keys- 85 Mt. Pleasant & Covered Bridge		
	CAC Drill		
Dave	42 Taunton Hill Rd. - Fireworks Coveage		
Jami			
July 2019 Reporting Month			
			Marshal's Signature