



**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

Regular Meeting  
January 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
Google Meet

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

**Commissioners Present:** Patrick Reilly, Thomas Fitzgerald, Brian Sharnick, Ron Bolmer, Jay Nezvesky, Tim Whelan & Jeff Dugan

**Chiefs** - Chris Ward, Steve Murphy, Bill Halstead & Andrew White

**Marshals**- Rich Frampton, Steve Murphy, Jami Zapata & David Ober

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** - None

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** December 21, 2020 & Special Meeting 1-7-21

Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the minute

Tim Whelan seconded

Passed unanimously

**COMMUNICATIONS**- Pat received an email from Chief Ward stating that they applied for and received a grant for Hydraulics and Pneumatics equipment, and that we should keep the request in the CIP being that the grant wasn't for the full replacement for all equipment.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-**

- Tim Whelan would like to add to Agenda (New Business) to purchase a laptop for the Budget Committee.
- Jay would like to add the Agenda (New Business) that Botsford need to purchase 36 Air bottles.
- Neighbors of the structure fire at 4 Aspen Lane addressed the Board concerning the fire on Friday 1/22/21. It was decided that they should put their concerns in writing and send them to the Board and Fire Dept. for review and then will be contacted with a response.  
Fire Marshal Frampton explained some of the factors into the fire and informed everyone that the insurance investigator was at the scene and will have his report soon.

## REPORTS

Fire Marshal – See attached that was presented from Fire Marshal Frampton

Fire Marshal Comments- None

Purchasing Agent – No Report

Combined Chiefs- No meeting - Bill reported that there is a House Bill 5188 in to help with funding to help rebuild Fire Schools and help with tuition and eventually help with the cost of equipment. The funding will come from Insurance Policies with \$6.00 per residential and commercial to support the training. So watch for more information to come out and write to our community reps to support this Bill.

The prices are now at FFI/ FF2 is \$1200. Fire Instructor officer classes are higher costs.

Radio- Final inventory has been completed for radio program and sent to Norcom and the Consultant. They will come up with a final price for the remaining money for vehicle radios and portable radios for CIP.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**PPE & Policy** – Tom reported- No Report. Pat will be setting up a date for meeting-

**Radio & Hydrants** Jeff and Ron talked about Hydrants- Buck trail had stones and gravel in it, fire pumps could be damaged.

Looking at changing the way to fill tanks (not use the catch basins) this will be large costs.

Brian brought up that Hook & Ladders truck did pump some gravel at the Buck Trail tank and he would like to get the fire pump tested.

**Truck-** No Report

**Budget** Jay reported that the Board of Selectman are meeting 1-28-21 at 7:30 pm (FD about 8:00pm). He felt that the Chiefs might like to attend to explain any questions the Selectman may have.

## OLD BUSINESS: 2021-2022 BUDGET

Jay distributed the final BOS version of our budget.

Last Year	Proposed 21-22	Difference
\$1,396,824	\$1,458,872	\$62,048

<b>\$1,396,824</b>	<b>\$62,048</b>	<b>4.44%</b>
2021-2022	Dollar Increase	% Increase

**NEW BUSINESS:** Botsford FD has 36 bottles going out of service next month. They have a quote of \$44,500.00 for the 36 replacement bottles.

The last bottles were purchased through a grant 15 years ago. DOT states bottles cannot be used after 15 years.

We will need to come up with a long term plan (PPE Committee) we will talk to Bob Tait with a plan for these.

The newly formed PPE committee will compile a long term projection of when PPE will need to be replaced.

Tim Whelan made a motion for the Board to purchase a laptop for the Budget Committee with the recommendation of which to buy from the town IT Dept. The laptop will be assigned to the Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Jay Seconded

Passed unanimously

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

By Jeff Dugan

And Seconded by Tim Whelan

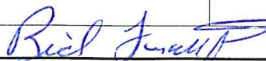
Meeting adjourned at 7:52

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Schreiner*

Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

## FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	17	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	4	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	3	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	23	
	2. Site Inspections	25	
	3. C.O. Inspections	2	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	1	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	7	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	10	
F	OFFICE	211	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	1	
I	TRAINING	3	
J	PURCHASING	55	
O	OTHER-Rich	7	
O	OTHER-Steve	3	
O	OTHER- Dave	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>335</b>
Rich	fire pump test/ repair muni cente	5	
	Deliver Abatement- 12 Church Hill	1	
	Fire Drill Schools- HS	1	
Steve	Fire Drills- Schools CAC	1	
	Knoc Boc- Brrokside Ct. & Liberty	2	
Dave		0	
Jami		0	
<b>November 2020</b> Reporting Month			
			Marshal's Signature

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CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	7	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	1	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	22	
	2. Site Inspections	18	
	3. C.O. Inspections	3	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	9	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	1	
F	OFFICE	143	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	5	
I	TRAINING	3	
J	PURCHASING	53	
O	OTHER-Rich	4	
O	OTHER-Steve	1	
O	OTHER- Dave	2	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	TOTAL	273	427
Rich	fire pump test	3	
	back Flow preventer- EOC	1	
Steve	occ. 6 Mile Hill Rd.	1	
Dave	assist inspections	2	
Jami			
December 2020 Reporting Month			
			
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