



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting  
April 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Sandy Hook Fire Dept.  
18-20 Riverside Rd. Sandy Hook Ct. 06482

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

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

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

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

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS -** None

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** March 22, 2021  
Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the minutes  
Ron Bolmer seconded  
Passed unanimously

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

- \* Pat sent an email to Dan Rosenthal in regards to the proposed tax abatement; he responded that he had already spoke on it to the Legislative Council.
- \*Pat also emailed Ryan Knapp regarding the Tax Abatement and Mr. Knapp responded that he was scheduling a meeting in the next 2 weeks, and it would be brought up then.
- \* Pat also reached out to Gary Logan at Aquarion in regards to installing a new hydrant at the NH&L property for Fire Dept. use. Pat has not heard back from Aquarion. Pat will ask if the Town attorney can send a letter.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Botsford would like to add to the Agenda under New Business- that they are in need of 2 new sets of gear.

**REPORTS:**

**Fire Marshal:** See attached that was presented by DFM Murphy

**Purchasing Agent:** Steve reported that he feels that there will be funds left in the accounts at the end of this budget year.

\*Air packs were all flow tested last month, Hurst Tools were serviced this month. He contacted Mitchell Fuel since the contract amount had expired, so he was able to get them to re quote the prices.

\*With left over funds, he wanted to remind the board that all depts. will need new foam (the old foam is now unusable so it will need to be replaced).

\*Try to reimburse N& L for the Hurst Tool Grant –

We owe Hawleyville a couple a couple thousand dollars for their insurance- gave them 6800.00 and they asked for \$9000.00.

### **Combined Chiefs-**

- \*They had a meeting on April 21, 2021 at the new Police Station/Dispatch, they toured the new center.
- \*Bill has Covid19 supplies (except LX Gloves) at the EOC.
- \* They talked about the foam, and also talked about OSHA doing surprise inspections.
- \*They also talked about a proposal for all the depts. to use the same spec for all gear, and a spec and prices for harnesses.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**PPE & Policy – PPE INVENTORY-** They have inventory from 4 out of the 5 departments- This will allow the committee to come up with a plan.

### **Radio & Hydrants –**

Jeff Dugan - spoke with Jon Bond- Jeff is going to gather the information that Jon asked for. Jeff is still looking for a company to do inspections of the suppression tanks that Ron had been working on. Tim mentioned a tank during their drill was getting air, Jeff mentioned that walnut Tree Village was having an issue and the original developers were looking at it. Bill mentioned Grace More and Paul mentioned Glenmor. Ron said it was going to be quite a job and to check the pond will need a contractor.

### **Radio Sub Committee-**

Bill reminded everyone to get out and vote.  
Maureen told him progress was being made- cabinets and towers.

**Truck-Services** have started- Dot Pumps in Hawleyville - Dodgingtown 221 had a bad primer and needs parts- Tracey's feel Firematic isn't getting parts as needed, Tim called Firematic and voiced concerns on issues getting parts and feels things should improve.  
Hawleyville Tanker- they have confirmed that it will be late by 30 days, so looking at June.

**Budget –** waiting for Budget referendum tomorrow.

### **NUSAR**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:** Hawleyville – gear-

Jeff Dugan made a motion to purchase the 4 sets of gear

Jay seconded

It was asked if these 4 sets are included in the budgeted 10 sets, they are, but they will probably only ask for 4 more sets unless they have new members join.

The Motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:** Botsford has requested in writing 2 sets of gear

Jay Nezvesky made a motion to purchase 2 sets of gear for Botsford

Jeff Dugan seconded

Jay mentioned that while they were going through inventory they found there are 2 firefighters with expired gear- they want the same spec as Hawleyville. Tim asked if they are interior firefighters since they can find exterior gear for much lower prices. Jay responded that they are interior Firefighters.

The motion passed unanimously.

Pat talked about the ESO software program that was looked at- July is fast approaching and Firehouse will be faded out July 1, 2021. Tim Whelan said that Dan Cragin had met with the Budget Committee and Tim told Dan that we would need 3 quotes and Dan would get the prices. He felt Dan did an outstanding job with this project. Tim and the Budget Committee will meet with him again and come back to the next meeting with a recommendation.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting  
By Jeff Dugan  
and Seconded by Jay Nezvesky  
Passes unanimously


Meeting adjourned at 7:27.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

## FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	17	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	12	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	6	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	38	
	2. Site Inspections	24	
	3. C.O. Inspections	7	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	9	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	5	
F	OFFICE	252	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	8	
I	TRAINING	6	
J	PURCHASING	59	
O	OTHER-Rich	11	
O	OTHER-Steve	9	
O	OTHER- Dave	0	
O	OTHER-Jamilynn	1	
	TOTAL	463	394
Rich	fire pump test	5	
	Deposit	4	
	Fire Drills (Hawley & NMS)	2	
Steve	Fire Drills (CAC, NMS & HOM	3	
	Knox Box Programomg- H&L & Haw	3	
	Alarm Issue	2	
	Knox Box -6 Mile Hill Rd.	1	
Dave		0	
Jami		0	
March 2021 Reporting Month			
		Marshal's Signature	