



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
October 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Botsford Fire Dept.
315 South Main St., Newtown, CT. 06470

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

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Jeff Dugan, Brian Sharnick, Ron Bolmer, Tom Fitzgerald Jay Nezvesk
Commissioners Absent: Tim Whelan

Chiefs Present - Chris Ward, Ass't. Chief Paul Basso, Bill Halstead, Andrew White

Marshals- Rich Frampton, David Ober & Jami Zapata

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Annual Dinner Meal sign-up

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: September 27, 2021 Meeting-
Jeff Dugan made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted
Ron Bolmer Seconded
Motion Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS-None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Pat had a couple things to add to the agenda under new business:
Sandy Hook is requesting to purchase 2 sets of gear.

Jay Nesvesky made a motion to add Sandy Hooks request to agenda

Tom seconded

Passed unanimously

Jay Nezvesky made a motion to add Botsford's request to purchase 36 air pack bottles to the agenda.

Tom Fitzgerald seconded

Passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Fire Marshal: was presented by Fire Marshal Frampton -See attached

FM Frampton noted the fire call report that was unable to be done since dispatch change over to Tolland can now be completed monthly.

Purchasing Agent: Dave Ober reported that he was still transitioning to Purchasing Agent; Dave reported he just was told that hose testing was to begin in the next month or so he will need some guidance on this. When he gets confirmation on dates, times and pricing he will contact the Chiefs to make arrangements. Dave also reported that he has report of balances of all accounts and also breakdowns of individual accounts if anyone wanted to know their balances. The Fiscal Budget is 1.4 million and as it sits at this time, we have just under one million left. He offered to read the balances or if anyone had any specific questions he would look up the account.

Jay Nesvesky requested (Budget Committee) to get monthly account balance report; Dave will supply him with that monthly.

Hydrant Account- has funds in it for suppression tank, so funds do not need to be transferred.

Combined Chiefs- did not meet.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy –None

Radio & Hydrants – Jeff Dugan reported that the Glenmore suppression tank project has been started. He pumped the tank and got down about half way and couldn't get anymore. He is going to request the town go out and pump the rest so he can notify the vendor to schedule a date to come do the cleaning and inspection. After discussion about the only being able to pump half the contents of the tank and needing to pump the rest- Hook & Ladder and Sandy Hook offered their Trash Pumps. Pat stated he felt we need to move on this before cold weather is upon us.

Radio Sub Committee- Bill Halstead reported they had a Zoom Meeting Oct. 5, 2021 11:30am-

- Ferris Rd- There is still a hold up- Price increase on monthly rate- approx. \$100/month-\$1200./year
- Application for Dingle Brook to Crown Castle Antenna placement, top already promised to others but consultant will remind them of original contract of Newtown having the top (the difference would be 90ft. instead of 100ft.) Brookfield still a possibility, need building for both. Paul found a used one for \$5,000, cost sharing with Brookfield.
- EOC upgrade- waiting on Norcom.
- Pagers will be Unication pagers.
- Generator for Ferris Road is going to need to be stored for a little while (possible at Highway)
- 3 Main St. needs to be kept on line until Ferris Road is up- Electrical, Heat and Generator. Big portion of radio equipment is at this site.
- Eden Hill site is just about done, just final planning.
- Sirens- Looking to see how many Chiefs are still using their station sirens, if not needed, could be a great savings to project if not needed. Also checking with ISO and NFPA to see if they are still needed. ISO- did not have a recommendation either way. Still waiting on NFPA Engineer (1221) to get back to us on if this is required as one of the notification methods or if the texting/ phone is considered the second method of notification.
- Next meeting is planned for October 20, 2021
- He received the invoice for Hawleyville's truck 339 radio so Norcom should have it by the end of the week- will see when/ where it can be installed.

Truck- None

Budget – Jay Nezvesky reported he had sent out the budget templates to the Chiefs & Marshal and has received 2 back so far, the rest should be in by the end of the month.

Chief Ward asked if 3 quotes were needed to complete budget and then get quotes again in July prior to purchasing- It was decided to get the 3 quotes prior to ordering (July 2022) and for budget purposes get a reliable price.

Technology Sub-Committee- Pat spoke to the issues that some dept.'s are having getting reports and NFIRS and that Dan has been doing his best to get things resolved. As we all know this wasn't the first choice in vendors they seem to be moving very slow to our needs.

Chief Ward reported that the list of issues they sent 6 weeks ago still have not been addressed, for example they had to go through 139 incidents by hand for this quarter work details, drills, paid driver, training. No way to put the data into the system.

Pat will check in and push this and try to get it resolved.

Chief White would like to see the Board take more action to help with this vendor.

The chiefs feel that having a July 1st implementation and it now October and these items have not been addressed. First Due should be held to their contract. The consensus is that this can't go on and they need to find an alternative if First Due does not step up.

Maybe see if a company Rep can attend one of the Board meetings so they understand from the fire companies the problems.

Pat suggested talking with Bob Tait/ Town Attorney since we feel they have not lived up to the contract.

NUSAR-None

OLD BUSINESS: Jeff Dugan reported that the process has started and will wait for updates

NEW BUSINESS:

*Hawleyville requested 3 new bottles

*Pat stated that we need to start using the inventory sheet for ordering air packs, gear and bottles. We need to come up with a plan of how to request these items.

Botsford will need 36 Bottles 2022

Sandy Hook will need 40 bottles in 2025

H&L will need 30+ bottles in 2029

Check the inventory for dates of expiration of items, Bob Tait has the inventory list.

Jeff Dugan made a motion to spend approximately \$75,000.00 to purchase 40 bottles (Hawleyville / Botsford) non-reoccurring account.

Jay Seconded

Passed unanimously

Sandy Hook requested 2 sets of gear for a new members- One is already certified and the other is starting class in January.

Discussion to implement a plan for budgeting of expiring gear- using the inventory list.

Jay made a motion to purchase 2 sets of gear for Sandy Hook's two new members from non-reoccurring account.

Jeff seconded

Passed unanimously

American Rescue Program-

Pat talked to Bob Tait about applying for some of the funds available from this program.

Discussion of items that may qualify.

- Repair of 5 suppression tanks \$5500.00 each
 - Maintenance Program for remainder of the tanks-
 - Portable Radios
 - New fire marshal vehicle- Current vehicle is rotting and has had the frame welded in several spots
 - Position of an administrative chief- to deal with Inventory of gear, air packs, bottles, and equipment.
- Deal with software issues and maintenance of equipment schedules.
Chiefs will meet and discuss and come back list

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Annual Dinner, October 25, 2021- Please sign-up number of people attending and dinner choice.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

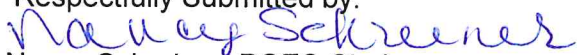
By Pat Reilly

Seconded by Jay Nezvesky

Passes unanimously

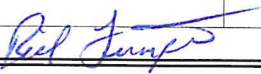
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	13	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	3	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	1	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	50	
	2. Site Inspections	21	
	3. C.O. Inspections	3	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	6	
F	OFFICE	212	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	2	
I	TRAINING	4	
J	PURCHASING	26	
O	OTHER-Rich	10	
O	OTHER-Dave	11	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	5	
	TOTAL	369	399.5
Rich	Fire pump test	3	
	Annual Fire Pump Test	1	
	Deposit	1	
	Knox Box -Animal Control	1	
	Fire Drills- HAW (2), NHS, Mid Gate	4	
Dave	Fire Drills- NMS, SH, HOM, CAC	4	
	Tent Inspt. -	3	
	Knox Box-	3	
	Complaint- neighbor burning	1	
Jami	Fire Prevention	5	
September 2021 Reporting Month			
		Marshal's Signature	

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	~
ALARMS	25	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	9/24/2021 2 Blackman Rd	Barn	135,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	20				
BRUSH	1				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	6	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	0				
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	3				
MUTUAL AID	3				
STRUCTURES	1				
RESCUE		APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	20				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	10				
VEHICLES	0	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	6				
MVA	20				
WATER EVACUATION	0	TOTAL		135,000.00	
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-Tree on structure	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	12				
APPLIANCE	0				
TOTAL	127				
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	51	402
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	18	211
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	15	145
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	17	188
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	45	354
			TOTALS	146	1300

Fire Company's Calls 127

The Fire Marshals had 369 incidents and 399.5 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 3 tanks \$0.00, 0 burn \$00.00, 0 reports \$.00 Total \$60.00