



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting
August 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Botsford Fire
315 South Main St.

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

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

Chiefs - Chris Ward, Don Digioia, Paul Basso & Steve Murphy

Marshals- David Ober, Steve Murphy & Jamilynn Zapata

Pledge of Allegiance-

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: from July 25, 2022 meeting

A motion was made by Tim Whelan to accept the minute

Seconded by Jay Nezvesky

Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS- Pat Reilly was copied on a letter to First Selectman Dan Rosenthal from NUSAR RE: Near Drowning Dispatched- Radio Issues and Dispatch issues. See article A

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

*Jay Nesvesky made a motion to add to New Business that Botsford would like to purchase 3 new Helmets. Tim Whelan seconded and motion passed

*Pat made a motion for Hook and Ladder would like a Change of Capital added to New Business. Jeff Dugan Seconded , motion passed.

REPORTS

Fire Marshal – See article B- Reports read by Deputy Fire Marshal David Ober

Purchasing Agent –

*Dave reported that he recently ordered seven (7) new/ replacement SCBA Bottles @ 1369.00 each- total 9583.00.

Totaling 18 bottles to date.

*The next order will be for 22 bottles the first week of October for a December delivery.

Price will be by quote at that time

That will be the last of the 40 bottles approved last fall from non-recurring.

*We will need to approve an additional 8 bottles to be paid from non –recurring for a February 2023 delivery.
* Hose, Nozzle & appliances Testing is schedule for Oct 11, 12, 13 with a make up date of Oct. 27, 2022.
*Current hose order (22-23 budget) will be over by approximately \$3,100.00 if everything is purchased.
NOTE- there was an order place in June 2022 with remaining funds to cover hose failures during last testing.
A- Cut some hose to make the figures work
B- Purchase all the hose items and work it out- may need to go to supply fund

*Note- prices will increase again Sept. 1, 2022
Need to verify lengths, hose colors, and stenciling on hose with Chiefs. Please send me what you put in for.

Combined Chiefs/ Radio Committee Sub Committee- – Steve Murphy reported that the chiefs met along with Mark DeWolf and discussed the issues of the new radio program- They made lists of areas that were poor communication areas and NORCOM went out to identify the areas and issues.
Tim Whelan also talked to Mark DeWolfe. Norcom is coming Wednesday with their Engineer/ Tech Matt and is going to meet up with FD members (Dave White) and go to problem areas. Paul Basso also agrees to bring them to the Hawleyville problems areas.
All 5 chiefs feel that the radio coverage had issues in all districts and need them resolved.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy – NFPA Physicals update- Pat reported that this is almost complete, Brian Sharnick also stated that Dr. Doug Smith from Danbury ER is willing to take the position of FD Physical Physician as long as he does not incurs any financial responsibility (Insurance or liability). Brian is hoping for this to be resolved shortly.

Radio/Hydrant- Jeff Dugan reported that he has contacted the contractor to come out and cleanout and repair the suppression tank on Wentworth Rd. this company is the same that we worked with prior and is on state contract. For the pump out it is around \$5000. And then repair... The costs will come out of the ARP set up for Suppression repair.

Truck- *Tim Whelan reported they are almost done with Sandy Hook Services.
Tim also stated he ordered a primer for Engine 1 to repair the ongoing issue.

Budget- Jay Nezvesky would like the Chiefs to submit their 23-24 budgets to him by the September meeting. Get updated prices as close as possible.

Fire Admin- Sub-committee- Brian Sharnick reported that they met with the Chiefs last month and came up with general bullet points, guidelines & responsibilities that everyone agreed on. They will try to set up a meeting with Dan Rosenthal to go over their findings and try to move this forward. Pat said there is a CIP meeting set up and maybe a good opportunity to bring it up.

NUSAR- No Report

OLD BUSINESS- Pat Reilly reported that they met with the first selectman and ARP committee pertaining to the list that the combined chiefs drew up for funds from the ARP. Each fire department would like approximately \$100,000.00. They went over the items that were listed; they had a lot of questions. This request will go through the process. Pat will send out an email as to the date of the meetings this will be discussed and voted on. Chief should attend to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Tim Whelan made a motion for Sandy Hook to purchase a complete set of gear out of non-recurring capital for Chief Capozziello, he does not have properly fitting gear.

Jeff Dugan seconded

Passed unanimously

*Chief Ward sent a written request to change capital purchase of a thermal imaging camera (\$3295.00) to purchasing chimney chains (\$1980.00) this will leave a balance of \$1315.00 for future purchase of capital.

Motion was made by Jeff Dugan

Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald

Motion passed unanimously

*Jay Nezvesky made a motion for Botsford to purchase 3 new firefighting helmets from the non-recurring capital.

Jeff Dugan Seconded

The motion passed unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

By Jeff Dugan

Seconded by Seconded by Tim Whelan

Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

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NEWTOWN UNDERWATER SEARCH & RESCUE

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August 15, 2022

Near drowning dispatch:

Sunday August 14, 2022

Approximately 12:50 hours:

Newtown Ambulance and Medic were dispatched to 53 Echo Valley Road (closest address to PING) for a reported NEAR drowning with the 10 year old out of the water on the shore line.

ECC dispatcher started calling NUSAR on the air due to the fact NUSAR was training at the Town boat launch on Hanover Road, "since you are all ready at Lake Lillinonah you could respond." After subsequent radio requests and conversations about not knowing where the patient was along the shore line and removal by boat seemed like the easiest way. NUSAR 901 radioed and requested NUSAR and Newtown Hook and Ladder be dispatched for their boats. After tones were dropped and messages given at 12:53 hours, NUSAR 901 suggested that dispatch contact Brookfield Police to have the Lake Patrol respond. Dispatch replied they had already contacted Brookfield. ***This was critical information withheld from Newtown responders by the dispatchers.***

ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED:


1. Improper dispatching

- A. Calling a Dept./Team on the radio to respond Properly dispatch with tone and message.
- B. Dispatch SHOULD have been for a Water Rescue which would have brought the proper response in a timely manner.
- C. Failure to relay pertinent information to responding officers. IE: Marine Patrol is responding

2. Radio system :

- A. NUSAR officer at the scene could NOT reach dispatch or other units on Albert's Hill Road using a portable radio from a location near the patient to relay the evacuation plan using Lake Patrol Marine 2 to bring the patient to Albert's Hill Road cove access. This warranted Car 101 setting up a receiving location at the Pond Brook State boat launch resulting in a +/- 15 minute delay in the patient receiving advanced medical care.

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	4	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	8	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	5	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	47	
	2. Site Inspections	27	
	3. C.O. Inspections	3	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	2	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
	7. Fire Drills	4	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	1	
F	OFFICE	249	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	5	
I	TRAINING	0	
J	PURCHASING	78	
O	OTHER-Rich	3	
O	OTHER-Dave	5	
O	OTHER- Steve	1	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	2	
	TOTAL	444	364
Rich	Run Fire Pump NMC	1	
	DEposit- NSB	1	
	Sprinkler Inspection- NMC	1	
Dave			
	Run Fire Pump - Muni Center	2	
	Public Education- NYFS	3	
Steve	public education- NYFS	1	
Jami	Public Education- NYFS	2	
July 2022 Reporting Month			
			
Marshal's Signature			

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS
ALARMS	32	STRUCTURE		
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	7/4/2022	104 Head Of Meadow Rd	750,000.00
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	16			
BRUSH	6			
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	2	VEHICLE		
C.O. DETECTOR	2	7/3/2022	Bancroft Rd./ Pole Bridge Rd.	
FALSE CALLS	0	7/9/2022	I-84 Haw tractor Trailer	
HAZ-MAT	5	7/28/2022	I-84 Haw	
MUTUAL AID	3			
STRUCTURES	1			
RESCUE	1	APPLIANCE		
EMS/MEDICAL	15			
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0			
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	11			
VEHICLES	3	OTHER		
EXTRICATION	0			
MVA	19			
WATER EVACUALTION	0	TOTAL		750,000.00
CHIMNEY	0			
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	0			
PUBLIC SERVICE	20			
APPLIANCE	0			
TOTAL	136			
FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS				
5130		NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	MONTH	YTD
5131		BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	60	687
5132		DODGINGTOWN FIRE	18	364
5133		HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	9	253
5134		SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	25	296
		TOTALS	24	581
			136	2181

Fire Company's Calls 136

The Fire Marshals had 444 incidents and 364 Hours worked.

Permits: 1 blasting \$60.00, 1 tanks \$20.00, burn \$0.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$60.00

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