

Board of Fire Commissioners
C/O Fire Marshal Office
3 Primrose St.
Newtown, Ct. 06470



Patrick Reilly
Chairman

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF NEWTOWN**

Regular Meeting
October 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Dodgingtown Fire Dept.
55 Dodgingtown Rd. Newtown Ct. 06470

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

Commissioners Present: Pat Reilly, Tim Whelan, Ron Bolmer, Jeff Dugan, & Brian Sharnick

Chiefs – Chief Ward, Ass't Chief P Basso, Chief Murphy

Marshals- Rich Frampton, David Ober, Jamilynn Zapata & Steve Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance-

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS -None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: from September 26, 2022 meeting
A motion was made by Jeff Dugan to accept the minute
Seconded by Ron Bolmer.
Passed unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS- None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

*Jeff Dugan asked to add to New Business- Tax Abatement- -Firefighters that live out of town.
*Brian ask to add PPE

REPORTS

Fire Marshal –Fire Marshal Frampton presented September reports.

Purchasing Agent –

*David Ober gave update on Hose testing- taking longer than scheduled for.
*Hose replacement- the hose that was ordered in June came in- replaced failed hose for 2021 testing-3" hose is back ordered.
*SCBA Bottles- Replacement bottles – 7 new bottles came in and were delivered to 2 stations-
*22 bottles for Botsford will be ordered and planned to be delivered by December 1st.
*8 more bottles will be ordered for February Delivery- will not need to order any more bottles until May 2024.
* GLOVES: Still need sizes and number of gloves requested as well as make and style (Both firefighting and extrication gloves).

Combined Chiefs/ Radio Committee Sub Committee-

*Steve Murphy reported they met September 26, 2022 with Mark DeWolf and discussed radio updates.

*Norcom sent 2 pagers per Fire Dept. Dept. and they were distributed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PPE & Policy –

*Brian reported that Hook and Ladder will need gear- 5 new members & 2 Jr's taking FFI. They have 2 in FF1 currently. Fire instructors are looking at gear to make sure it's compliant

Hook & Ladder will need good amount of gear in a couple years- PPE committee should start planning accordingly.

*Paul Basso also reported that Hawleyville will also need 5 sets of gear for new members.

*Tim Whelan asked for an inventory list when gear would be expiring, for the budget committee to look at and keep the selectman updated.

*It was explained that if you try to get a grant for PPE, you can't apply for it until your gear is actually out of date. They will deny if you have even just a year left on it.

Radio/Hydrant- Jeff Dugan reported they were having a tank on Abbey Lane looked at to be cleaned.

But after having conversations with Ron Bolmer and David Ober it was said this needed to be discussed at the meeting, to be approved. - It was decided they would put this work one on hold (Abbey Lane has 2 pressurized hydrants within 500 feet of Abbey Lane on both sides).

After discussion it was decided that Misty Vale will be looked at Sandy Hook will top it off and will be checked again in a month, (Has been losing water for some time).

A list of tanks with issues will be made to prioritize the work that needs to be done and discussed at the meetings.

Dry Hydrants will also be looked at and see if the town can help excavate, see if NUSAR could look at the dry hydrants as they did in the past.

Truck- *Tim Whelan reported Sandy Hook's Ladder is scheduled to be at the dealer sometime around end of November /December.

*Tim asked how the plans are coming for H&L 114 refurb, Chief Ward stated that it went to Firematic and put on the lift- looked like all the big components are in good condition, they will put a list together. (If it goes to the factory it will be 30 months). We are waiting on reports.

* With the prices going up, Tim has asked for the CIP figures to be increased.

Budget- Tim reported they are waiting on 2 budgets.

Fire Admin- Sub-committee- They had a special meeting on October 5 and will have a conversation with the Selectman.

NUSAR- No Report

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS:

*Jeff Dugan reported that he reached out to some surrounding towns about their firefighters that live out of town-

Monroe sends a tax payment to the towns for payment on the firefighter's taxes.

Brookfield gives firefighters a check no matter where they live for the tax abatement schedule, and then they get a 1099.

Bethel does nothing.

Discussions to continue on how this could be implemented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Annual Dinner Meeting- October 25, 2022 6:30pm at My Place Restaurant 8 Queen St.
Please let Nancy know the head count and meal selection (off menu) by Friday

*Tim Whelan announced he has raffle tickets for sale- drawing is Saturday (Freezer full of meat and Home Heating Fuel

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting
By Jeff Dugan
Seconded by Seconded by Tim Whelan
Passed unanimously

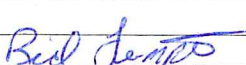
Meeting adjourned at 7:46.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	7	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	2	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	0	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	36	
	2. Site Inspections	47	
	3. C.O. Inspections	4	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	0	
	5. Tank Removals	1	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
	7. Fire Drills	6	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	5	
F	OFFICE	242	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	1	
I	TRAINING	3	
J	PURCHASING	93	
O	OTHER-Rich	5	
O	OTHER-Dave	0	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	3	
	TOTAL	455	374.5
Rich	Run Fire Pump NMC	3	
	Deposit- NSB	2	
Dave			
Steve			
Jami	poster/fire prevention	3	
September 2022 Reporting Month			
			
	Marshal's Signature		

TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	
ALARMS	30	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0				
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	26				
BRUSH	1				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	1	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	5	9/6/2022 58 Main St.	Car- power window motor	500.00	
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	2				
MUTUAL AID	2				
STRUCTURES	0				
RESCUE	1	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	21				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	1				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	3				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0				
MVA	13				
WATER EVACUATION	0	TOTAL		500.00	
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	0				
PUBLIC SERVICE	12				
APPLIANCE	1				
TOTAL	120				
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	37	759
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	14	382
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	13	276
		5133	HAWLEYVILLE FIRE	22	333
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	34	654
			TOTALS	120	2404

Fire Company's Calls 120

The Fire Marshals had455 incidents and 374.5 Hours worked.

Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 2 tanks \$40.00, burn \$0.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$40.00