

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Dec. 26, 2005; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Robert Miner, Norman Blank, Jon Ulmschneider, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also in attendance: Anthony Primiano, Nancy Hayes, Robert Horton, Norman Guertin, & Dennis Beaulieu.

Minutes from previous meeting read. Jon Ulmschneider made motion, seconded by Robert Miner, to accept as submitted; motion passed unanimously.

Two new rescue officers, Anthony Primiano & Nancy Hayes, introduced to Board.

Correspondence: Individual company distributed.

Rescue applications given to A. Primiano.

Old Business: > Jan. 9, 2006 - joint get together with assistant chiefs and company captains, 7:00 p.m., fire headquarters.

> Chief stated he sent letters requesting gear be returned by members not actively responding to calls. Bob Horton stated he would get gear back from Nathan Bettencourt & Arsenio Uhrig.

> Hose cards still needed from Eng. 5.

New Business: > 2006 Board Meeting schedule distributed.

> Chief stated he sent memo to Police Chief & fire department members with new "car" designations for assistant chiefs.

> 2006 Recording Secretary - Jon Ulmschneider nominated Carolyn O'Brien; nomination seconded by Robert Miner, and unanimously approved.

> Town manager sent Chief a memo requesting 2006/2007 budget information beginning Jan. 3rd; fire department's due Jan. 9th, with budget completed by Jan. 17th. Chief said line items will be ready by Jan. 9th; he requested company fees increase to \$3,000 each. For other items, may need to obtain 50 signatures per item on petitions, which are due by April 17th to be heard at Town Financial Meeting on May 15th. Let Chief know if you have any suggestions.

> 35 masks are in; Chief to check on voice enhancers. Any member needing one, and any member with mask not yet fit tested, Chief will arrange fit testing to be done at fire headquarters. Bob Horton asked if individual appointments could be made; Chief said specific dates could be assigned to each company.

Station Reports: > Container at Sta. 6 not yet moved; cost will be \$150. Bob Horton waiting for call back. Deeper well to be put in, with shallow one being closed and capped.

> Air quality testing done at headquarters; waiting for results. Gutters & downspouts on west side of building to be corrected in spring.

Other: > Swansea/Warren Pop Warner cheerleaders took 3rd place in national competition held in Florida.

> New pagers are in - 5 for rescue.

> Bob Horton wants to hold chili cook-off in Feb.; he will send letter

to all companies for the Jan. meetings.

> Rescue coming along with new officers.

Training: > FFI to be held approx. Feb., with FF II to follow. We will use our own instructors. Chief will get coordinator.

> Class for safety officers & alternates to be held Jan. 12th, 6:30 p.m., at fire headquarter. Chief Peter Lamb will be instructor. Chief Galinelli purchased vests for them, and will be getting helmets.

> Dave Valley from Hurricane Awareness Center will conduct conference on Jan. 17th, 10:00 a.m., at Town Hall.

> Blood-borne pathogen class to be held following Rescue meeting. Omer will go over it again on Monday nights for anyone who misses the meeting.

> Chief to contact Ed Jernigan about ET class, and whether or not it was done.

> Norman Blank asked if driver cross-training can be opened to all members who have been driving for the department of a minimum of 2 years. Chief stated he would like to see list first before deciding.

Chief thanked everyone for their support during the past year.

There being no further business to discuss, Jon Ulmschneider made motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Miner. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.