

## **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

**The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held April 28, 2008; meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, Brian Remy, Christopher Stanley, Jon Ulmschneider, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Omer Letellier & Robert Horton.**

**Minutes from previous meeting read. R. Miner made motion, seconded by J. Ulmschneider, to accept as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Correspondence:**

**„« Individual companies correspondence distributed.**

**„« Chief read thank you letter from Chief Peter Burke (Swansea, MA) re: brush fire assistance.**

### **Old Business:**

**„« Flag Poles iV All request letters in; Chief to meet with town manager on this.**

**„« Firemen's Memorial iV Mass will be at St. Alexander's, 7:30 a.m. Chief needs list of deceased members.**

**„« Career Day iV May 1st at KMS, if anyone can make it. Roger LePage to take Special Hazards.**

**„« Substance Abuse 5K iV May 3rd. Will need rescue at KMS at 9:00 a.m.**

**„« May Board meeting re-scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th due to conflict with Financial Town Meeting.**

**New Business:**

**„« Truck/Room Steward list updated.**

**„« Hose testing due to be completed; hose cards distributed.**

**„« Financial Town Meeting ;V Monday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. at KMS**

**„« Injury Report Forms distributed for placement on all apparatus.**

**Chief needs completed forms within 72 hours of any injury for submission to town manager.**

**„« Pump tests at Greenwood now being scheduled. E-2 will go May 12th, with other trucks rotating. E-1 will go to Hartford, CT since it is under a maintenance contract.**

**„« Hugh Cole School cookout scheduled for Friday, June 6th; anyone who can help should be available by 9:00 a.m.**

**„« Apparatus due for state inspections; Chief will contact Safeway to arrange.**

**„« Letter of Resignation ;V Bart Axelrod resigned from Eng. 1; wants to continue with rescue. He does not have time to allow for both. J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by R. Miner, to accept as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

**„« Updated membership listings ;V Chief needs two updated listings from each company. One needs to be active members, including current addresses and telephone number. Active membership requires attendance at 50% of fires, 30% of company meetings, and 20% of department trainings. The second is to be of inactive**

members. VFIS is offering a pension plan for volunteers after 20 years active service; the town and individual member would both pay into this plan. The Chief will meet with VFIS to get all the particulars. The information is also needed to contact inactive members with department issued gear to have it returned for distribution to active members.

„« Station Telephone Numbers ;V These numbers are not to be listed in the telephone books; ISO does not allow for these to be published.

### **Station Reports:**

„« Station 6 took down trees. Chief working on situation with architect; Chief would like to have the Mt. Hope High School students do the work on the building.

„« Door at rescue headquarters broken. There have been problems with rescue supplies. From now on, all rescue supplies must be signed for when picked up at the Chief's office.

### **Training:**

„« Firefighter I going well.

„« Bay Queen Drill ;V Scheduled for May 12th. Chief wants all boats in the water; he asked to get someone from Station 6 for Marine 1. Anyone who can help should be at fire headquarters by 0830, and at the Bay Queen by 0900. Chief wants to try to get the EMA trailer. A meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 0900 to discuss particulars. Bay Queen would like to have this be an annual drill.

**„« Water shuttle drill in Touisset cancelled for May 18; later date TBA.**

**„« Chief questioned why there has been no training on the old Harbor Master's boat we now have; Chief wants training scheduled. Chief stated the key for the boat is not to be hidden again.**

**„« Memorial Day Parade – Chief will be grand marshal. Need flag carriers for the parade. Board members can march with Chief; dress blues required. Chief will meet Board members at 0700 at Dan's. Also need a fire truck and rescue; they are to meet at 0800 at fire headquarters.**

**„« May 22 & 23 – Safety and Survival Conference scheduled at Providence College, sponsored by Providence Fire Department. Chief will attend Tower Ops. Let Chief know if any Board member interested in attending conference.**

**Other:**

**„« Chief will be changing SOP on apparatus dispatched to structure fires; it will be two (2) engines, Ladder, Special Hazards, and rescue.**

**There being no further business to discuss, J. Ulmschneider made motion, with second by B. Remy, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**