

Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

January 8, 2003

Meeting convened at 8:00 p.m.

Members present: Michael S. Trovato, Chief
Warren Alexander, Deputy Chief
Marilyn Monks
Gerard Menangas
Adam Wolf

Others present: Truro Fire Chief Prada
Lt. Larry Flores

Chief's Report

Pay per call system for the Rescue Squad discussed. Chief Prada explained the system used by the Town of Truro to pay rescue members by the call.

Question arose on when the Town Warrant will be closed.

Work session on the new proposed pay by call policy would be held on Wednesday, January 15th, 7:30 p.m. at the Main Station.

Turnout gear and pagers for Junior Firemen discussed. Wolf has old pagers from Truro that could be used for the junior firemen. Old Minitor 1 pagers can also be used.

Low Band units should be installed in all fire vehicles.

Cost of **Office Professional 2000** will be researched.

New Pagers discussed. Inventory of pagers needed before new pagers are ordered. The Chief will speak to Joel Macara re the pagers.

Addressable Fire Alarm Systems discussed. Proposal of town by-law making it mandatory that all buildings on Commercial Street be required to have an addressable fire alarm system tied into a central system. Deputy Alexander will be consulted on the by-law.

Fuel Storage Regulations discussed. By-law mandating that all new above the ground fuel storage tanks installed be double walled tanks.

Rescue

Letter of intent will be sent to **Denise Russell and Meredith Allen** since they have not met their obligations with meetings, drills or calls.

Shawn Sloan lives in Wellfleet and does not have town residency. Sloan will receive **letter of dismissal**.

Application submitted by **Alan Felton** to join the Rescue Squad. Squad members vote: 6 in favor; 0 against.

Motion: Monks motioned to approve the house vote and accept Alan Felton as a member of the Rescue Squad effective 1/8/03; Menangas seconded the motion, all in favor.

Application received from **Laurie Harding**, an employee of Lower Cape Ambulance, for membership in the Rescue Squad.

Motion: Monks motioned to accept Harding as a member of the Rescue Squad, pending a physical exam; Wolf seconded the motion, All in favor.

John Shannon's position on the department discussed. Shannon, who lives in Vineyard Haven, asked Monks if he could have a slot in the rescue squad and if he should be on duty with L.C.A. for the day, would he be allowed to take the town rescue truck to a call. The Chief felt that an employee of Lower Cape Ambulance, who was not a resident, would not be eligible to be a member of the fire department but because of the Mutual Aid Agreement, they would be able to respond to a call using a town rescue vehicle.

LCA Mutual Aid Agreement discussed. LCA Director James Meads is working with Chief Roy Jones on a Mutual Aid Agreement for LCA.

First Responder Training is due now. AED training will be done at the same time. A drill will be held in six months.

Heartsafe Community Program discussed. MDPH/OEMS and the AHA have launched a program to encourage and promote community awareness of the potential for saving the lives of sudden cardiac arrest victims through the use of CPR and increased public access to defibrillation. (AED's) Locations suggested for placement of the AED's were Town Hall, the Police Station, Community Center, Grace Gouveia Bldg. and the Harbormaster's shack on the wharf. Cost of AED's will be researched.

Meeting will be scheduled with the Town Manager prior to the meeting with the Selectmen on January 21st.

Air Officer's Report

Face Mask Fittings discussed. Twenty-seven (27) members have been fitted for facemasks.

Five (5) Grace Super Pass II Devices (motion & heat) ordered recently are missing. Letter will be sent to all Captains asking them to check the Serial #'s of the pass devices on their truck.

Voice Amps needed. Cost will be researched.

Honor Guard Equipment discussed. Chrome axe cost: \$375. Polished Aluminum Head, Lightweight, Parade Honor Guard Axe Cost: \$ 120. 60-inch Presentation Pike pole, solid brass cost: \$120. Benjamin suggested the Firemen's Association pay for the equipment.

Engine Company # 1

Fire coat, size 48 Long will be ordered for Scott Martin #1.

Engine Company # 3

Application for membership received from **Michael L. Turner**.

Motion: Wolf motioned to accept the unanimous vote of the house and approve Turner as an Auxiliary member of Engine Company #3 effective 1/1/03, pending his physical exam; Monks seconded the motion, All in favor.

Engine Company # 4

Application for membership received from **Anthony Jackett**.

Motion: Wolf motioned to accept the house vote of 5 in favor, 1 against and approve Jackett as an Auxiliary member of Engine Company #4, pending his physical exam; Monks seconded the motion; All in favor.

House # 5

Marcia Basine moved up to Regular status by a vote of the house members.

Motion: Wolf motioned to move Marcia Basine from an Auxiliary to a Regular member of Engine Company #5, effective 1/1/03; Monks seconded the motion; All in favor.

Forest Fire Training on the use of the equipment given to the department by the NPS will be requested.

Defensive Driving Course is available through BY&D Insurance Co. They will be contacted for more info on the course.

Building repairs needed at Station #5 discussed.

New Shingles and Windows are needed on the second floor face and northeast side of the building.

Balance of funds left in Article # 420 220 00-57323 (4-6-98 stm 7-8-98), which were not needed for repairs to the Johnson Street Fire Station will be transferred for use at Station #5.

Motion: Wolf motioned to transfer the balance of funds left in Article #420 220 00 57323 be used for building repairs needed for Station #5; Monks seconded the motion; All in favor.

New Lateral File Cabinet(3 drawer, 36 inch wide) requested by Secretary. Cabinet will be placed next to new copier.

Motion: Wolf motioned to purchase the cabinet, Monks seconded the motion; All in favor.

Adjournment

Motion: Wolf motioned to adjourn the meeting; Menangas seconded the motion, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.