

Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

March 12, 2014

Meeting convened at 7:36 p.m.

Members present: Chief Michael S Trovato
Deputy A James Roderick
Deputy B Gerard Menangas
Russell Zawaduk

Others Present: Rescue Captain Denise Russell
Training Officer Brandy Tarala

RESCUE

State Inspection of Rescue Vehicles discussed. During the State Inspection Captain Russell was informed that certain policies were missing. The inspector suggested using the Cape & Islands policy as a reference for the Rescue Squad. The Code of Conduct will be added to the policy. All members will sign a sheet to confirm that they have been informed of the new policy.

Training policy discussed. Tarala compiled a checklist of training required by EMT's or Paramedics. New members will be required to complete the training. When they complete the training and sign the sheet it acknowledges that they have completed the training.

Power stretcher discussed. All members will be trained on the use of the stretcher. Two (2) more may be purchased out of next year's budget.

Locking mechanism on storage cabinet door of Rescue vehicle 198 is broken and cannot be opened. Chock blocks, speedy dry, jumper cables, tool box, flares and helmets are stored in the cabinet. Deputy Roderick will talk to Tom Roda about repairing the door.

Fire Department Seasonal Positions – Rescue Standby for 2014 advertisement will be posted.

Applications received from Michael Chute and Jennifer Guallpa.
Rescue members unanimously approved both members.

Motion: Roderick motioned to accept EMT Chute as a member of the Rescue Squad; Menangas seconded the motion, All in favor.

Motion: Roderick motioned to accept EMT Guallpa as a member of the Rescue Squad, pending her physical exam; Menangas seconded the motion, All in favor.

Chief's Report

Minutes of January 23, 2014 reviewed.

First Responder course will be held on March 26, 2014. This is the first class.

A makeup class will be held for CPR. Date to be announced.

Phone paging system for calls is not working for all members. Chief Trovato will speak to Jim Golden re the problems being reported with the system.

Generator for Station #5 discussed. Arty Martinez will submit an estimate. The Chief will follow up with Arty.

Estimate received from EF Winslow for a 20RESB Kohler Generator located at 514 Commercial Street. Cost: \$8,935.00

Marcy Oil Co. (John Salvador) 18,000 gallon tank has been tested and installed. A shut off switch will be installed outside the gate to immediately shut electrical power off.

Minutes of January 23, 2014 accepted as read on a motion by Roderick, second by Zawaduk, All in favor.

Air Pak Drill was held on Sunday at the old VFW building. The Smoke machine from the academy did not work. Truro's smoke machine may be used at the next air pak drill. A smoke machine may be purchased for the department.

A command board will be set up for the Chief's truck with reminders for the Commander. The Chief contacted two companies to get it set up.

Mask fittings will be combined with a drill possibly another Air Pak Drill at the old VFW building.

Barnstable Fire Academy Training discussed.

Sometime in May two separate groups will attend Barnstable Fire Academy. They will go through the maze/smoke trailer at the academy.

Pot Luck Annual Dinner discussed. Dinner may be catered this year. Members should be recognized for their outstanding efforts. Plaques could be given out every year for their service.

Exhaust System Removal (Fema Grant). Deputy Roderick attended a meeting at Town Hall to award the bid and obtain the Towns portion of the funds for the grant.

294 Bradford St The proposed Sikorski residence plan located at 294 Bradford Street reviewed by the board.

The Chief would like to see a driveway of wider than 10 feet, possibly 12 feet. Chief Trovato will express his concerns in a letter to Mr. Sikorski.

Cape End Care Campus-Phase 2 discussed. Sprinkler system and Fire Alarms were inspected by Building Inspector Howard, Electrical Inspector Brown, the Chief and Deputy Menangas. The downstairs Parking garage is sprinkled but the heads are not recessed. The clearance from the floor to the heads is 6ft 9 inches. Exits signs at one end are lower. An exhaust fan is located in the basement and in the parking garage. The Chief advised them he would like to have control of the fans in case of a car fire in the garage. All zones were flow tested. A re-inspection will be held on March 14th. A Portable radio system is available to the fire dept. in case of an incident. A drill will be held at the building and the parking garage.

House Reports

House #1 – Application received from Nathaniel H Caley. Members of the house approved Caley.

Motion: Zawaduk motioned to accept Nathaniel Caley in #1 or #3, pending his physical exam, Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

Power ventilator at #1 is not working properly. It's approximately 20 years old. Scott Enos will try to repair it. The purchase of a new ventilator will be researched.

Ladder #2 – Kevin Ainsworth needs new bunker gear. He will be measured for the new gear.

House #3 - Application received from John Paul Carrier. Application was given to Deputy Menangas for review by the house members.

Question arose regarding Craig Martin's absence from his duties as Lieutenant of #3. Martin informed the Chief that he has been caring for his grandparents but hopes to resume his participation in the future.

Engine 193 has wiring issues. Hand lights are not working and the chargers are not charging the batteries. E193 will go to Meservey's for repairs.

House #5 – April Hatch (former member of #4) requested a transfer from #4 to #5. House members voted unanimously to approve April's request.

Motion: Menangas motioned to approve the transfer; Zawaduk seconded the motion, All in favor.

Shannon Hatch has never received his training cards from Sylvester Consultants. The training was held in October 2013.

Adjournment

Motion: Roderick motioned to adjourn the meeting; Zawaduk seconded the motion; All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.