

## Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

March 8, 2000

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Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Members present: Michael S. Trovato, Chief  
Warren Alexander, Deputy Chief  
Adam Wolf  
Gerard Menangas  
James Roderick Jr.

### Chief's Report

#### **Air Horn discussed.**

John Morgan from Media One checked wiring from the Police Station to Town Hall and believes the problem is not with the wiring. According to Morgan, the wire is wrapped in with the old cable wire. The plan is to move the wire 2 inches above the old cable wire.

Bill Ingraham was consulted and will meet with the Chief at Town Hall to perform tests on the system.

#### **Oil Burner and Oil Tank Inspections discussed.**

Chief Trovato and Joe Notaro will instruct the new Wiring Inspector Ed Seery on oil burner inspections until July when Seery will take over the position of Oil Burner Inspector. The Chief and Seery will also perform Quarterly Inspections.

Painting specifications for the Johnson Street Station must be completed.

Dues to Mass. Call Vol. have not been paid. Notebook with bill was sent to Adam Wolf. JR will contact them.

Thank you letter will be sent to the Crown & Anchor.

Landscaping of Main Station discussed. The Chief stated that he had taken a lot of criticism last year regarding the unkempt condition of the front lawn and wanted to be sure it was landscaped this year.

Fruit basket delivered to Billy Rogers by the Chief as a thank you for the work he completed on the plans for the raising of Station #5.

Card of congratulations from the Board sent to Town Manager for his 10th anniversary of employment.

#### **Specifications for new Engine 195 discussed.**

The Chief has been working with Ferrara and Freightliner for over a year on the specs for the truck. The problem with Ferrara is that they wanted to put a 230 HP engine in the vehicle, the Chief got it up to 260 HP. At present their working with Cumming and Allison on a 275 HP engine. Ferrara states that the truck at 275 HP will do 1250 GPM at draft and will probably continue at that rate for 10 years. The diesel engine that is going in the truck is rated at 275 HP and is a 300,000-mile motor. Ferrara is afraid that in ten years, with wear and tear on the diesel, it may only pump 1000 GPM at draft and if they rate it for 1250 GPM, we will call them on it. Ferrara stated that at a hydrant, in its worst condition, we will probably get 1750 GPM to 2000 GPM and it will probably get 1250 at draft forever.

Chief Trovato will attend Ray Merrill's Retirement Party on March 11, 2000.

Chief Trovato will be out of town on vacation during the first two weeks in April.

Department drill to be planned before summer around the Stormy Harbor block.

### **Engine Company 190**

800 Radio Channels discussed. Question arose from Chris Branch why the department is not on Group C. C is to be used for Mutual Aid Calls. JR stated that the Harwich Fire Dept. keeps their truck radios and truck portables on Channel C. The members of the department keep their portable radios on Channel A to scan what's going on but when they respond to a scene they are assigned a Fire Ground Channel on C.

### **Ladder 192**

Cordless Sawzall with metal blades for Ladder 192.(Wish List)

**CPR Certification Class** for remaining members of the department needing CPR will be scheduled in the near future.

**Firefighter I & II Course** in Barnstable.

Lisa Silva and Robert Costa dropped out of course for personal reasons. Will attend the next course that is offered.

Carl Sawyer Jr. will be out for a while due to illness.

### **Engine Company #4**

Captain Lawrence Brownell retiring due to health reasons, effective March 1, 2000.

### **Rescue Squad**

Purchase of new rescue vehicle discussed. Committee will be selected by Captain Road.  
Several Ambulance Companies have been calling for appointments to demonstrate their vehicles.

**Drill for 198** discussed.

Letter to all Captains regarding anyone interested in participating in a Drill for the Hummer – 198 should call the Secretary Joyce at Headquarters to sign up.

### **Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.