

Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners **Minutes**

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – February 9, 2016

Commission chair, Jeremiah Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the main firehouse. Present: R. Trowbridge, P. Christian, J. Mahoney, J. Caron, E. O’Hurley, Chief Flynn, Fire Marshal M. Thibedeau, and observers.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Personnel

Chief Flynn read a letter of retirement from Ed Cooke effective January 20th. As a long time member of the Fire Department, Ed will become a Lifetime Member.

Secretary’s Report

Christian moved, Caron seconded to approve the minutes of the January 12th Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

The Commission reviewed the current year to date financial information. Trowbridge moved, O’Hurley seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Chief Flynn shared the minutes of the ACCE/ meeting with the Commission to tour the facilities.

Calls & Activities

The Commission reviewed the reported for January 2016.

Old Business

- 2015 FEMA AFG Grant application has been filed. Letters have been sent to two state senators and congressional representatives asking for their support in this endeavor.
- Chief Flynn met with the First Selectman, Joanne Sullivan (liaison) and Commission Chair Mahoney regarding the 2016-17 budget. A second meeting will be scheduled shortly.

New Business

Chief Flynn reported on a tour of the four facilities with members of ACCE. They also discussed needed new equipment and the possibility of doing lease/purchase instead of bonding for future vehicle replacement.

Chief's Report

- Preventative maintenance on all apparatus is up to date.
- Station 1 – oil separation project underway
- Station 3 – waiting for bricks to finish repair of the facility
- Station 4 – roof is in need of replacement
- Fire fighters have been fitness tested.
- Fifteen members attended the Chief's dinner. This was a chance for team building with department members and training in a casual atmosphere.

Chairs Report

None

Fire Marshal's Report

A contractor has been selected replacement of the Station 2 sprinkler system.

Public Comment

Firefighter Dan Godin asked if the Commission was interested in comments from meeting observers.

Firefighter Al Golden asked the Chair who sets the Commission meeting agendas and how would someone go about getting an item on the agenda.

Chair Mahoney replied that the agendas were set by the Commission Chair and that public comment had to be confined to whatever items were on that meeting's agenda.

Firefighter Amanda Thibedeau stated that she was live streaming the meeting for documentation.

Adjournment

O'Hurley moved, Trowbridge seconded to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Christian
Secretary