

TOWN OF NEWBURY
BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
NEWBURY MA 01951

July 15, 2013

The meeting of the Town of Newbury Board of Fire Engineers was called to order at 19:08 hours at the Byfield Fire Station with the following members present: William Pearson, Douglas Janvrin, Sr., Douglas Janvrin, Jr., Robert Dash, Timothy Wareham, and Justin Webb.

Motion made by Timothy Wareham and 2nd by Robert Dash to accept the minutes from June 17, 2013 as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Pearson states that T.A. Tracy Blais has requested an MOU from each Company. Deputy Janvrin states that an MOU was proposed to the Board of Fire Engineers several years ago, but was rejected by the Board. It is the Deputy's understanding that the legislation passed last year serves as an MOU.

The issue with Larry Guay at the last Selectmen's meeting was discussed. Also, the proposed public safety building and the Town purchasing apparatus was briefly discussed. Captain Janvrin states that no request for apparatus has ever come before the Board of Fire Engineers.

Chief Pearson states that the Personnel Board has requested a job description for the proposed technical support personnel position. The Chief will attend the next Personnel Board meeting and work together with them to formulate a job description.

The hydrant requested at the Plum Island Grille was discussed as well as the reasoning behind the request.

Chief Pearson states that he would like to be contacted for any major events in town. The Chief also reminds members that all wires down should be treated as live wires and not handled by Fire Department personnel. Call the power company and secure the area until they arrive.

Chief Pearson states that should there be a haz-mat situation in town, the Chief is to be notified. If he is not available, one of the Deputy Chiefs is to

be notified. The Chief also reminds members to have the responsible party call the clean-up company, not the Fire Department.

In response to a recent suspicious object found on Plum Island, Chief Pearson states that Captain Wareham should not have taken the item home, but instead should have notified the Chief and/or a Deputy Chief, and the bomb squad should have been requested to the scene. Captain Wareham states that he did notify the Coast Guard and the Bomb Squad, none of whom would respond that day.

Chief Pearson reminds members that should there be a working fire, he will be responding to the scene to take command of the fire. In his absence, the Deputy Chief in that precinct is to take command. In his absence, the Deputy from the other precinct is to respond and take command. If no Chief Officers are available, the Captains can work together to run the scene.

Deputy Janvrin states that the 1st round of gear has been ordered. Also, the Deputy states that we are now working under the new budget.

There will be foam training Monday night at 6:30 pm at the Newbury Station.

Captain Wareham states the despite the comments made tonight, the Bomb Squad told him that all parties involved did a good job containing the suspicious device until they were able to respond and take possession of the device.

Motion made by Robert Dash and 2nd by Doug Janvrin, Jr. to adjourn at 20:41 hours. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Janvrin, Jr.
Clerk
Board of Fire Engineers

