

Chester Board of Fire Commissioners
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The Chester Board of Fire Commissioners held its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at the Chester Fire House, 6 High Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Joel Severance, Rick Schreiber, John Divis, Charlene Janecek and Peter Zanardi. Ex-Officio Members present included Fire Chief Charles Greeney, Jr., Fire Marshal Richard Leighton, Fire Investigator David Roberge and First Selectman Ed Meehan. Chairman Severance called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2013
Motion by Schreiber, second by Divis, to approve November 13, 2013 Minutes as written. Voting in favor – Schreiber, Divis, Janecek, Zanardi, Severance. Opposed – none. Motion Carried.

Item 2: Audience of Citizens – none.

Item 3: Report of Fire Marshal
Monthly Activity Reports for the months of October, November and December 2013 were distributed and reviewed. Fire Marshal Leighton noted it was mostly routine stuff.

Chairman Severance inquired if Joel Lagasse got signed up for classes. He suggested Mr. Lagasse come to a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to introduce himself. Severance noted he would not be at the February meeting.

Chairman Severance asked if the question about Leighton and Roberge being "cross certified" was answered. The reply was yes and the BOFC will be given a copy of that certification.

Fire Marshal Leighton briefly reviewed the status of the Guest House. He noted they have hired a code consultant to look at all the violations and come up with 3 different lists. He reviewed what types of items would be on the 3 lists. Leighton also noted he did an unannounced visit to the Guest House recently to be sure the sprinkler system was 100% operational, which it was.

Chairman Severance asked about the Chester House on Railroad Avenue. Leighton noted that is next on his list of items to be dealt with.

Chairman Severance asked the status of Chester Point Marina. It was noted final plans have not been received yet.

Fire Investigator Roberge noted he recently did an inspection of the new detection system at Chester Village West.

Fire Investigator Roberge also noted they will be starting their routine inspections as of the first of the year along with liquor permit inspections.

Fire Marshal Leighton briefly reviewed the Liberty Street auctions. The current

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owners plan to see the building once it is empty.

Item 4: Report of Fire Chief
Chief Greeney noted everything is going along fine.

There was a brief discussion regarding the fiber optics and satellite installations. Chief Greeney noted there have been multiple requests to move the fiber optics installation and it still has not been moved.

Item 5: Report of First Selectman
First Selectman Meehan noted budget season is upon us and the 2014-2015 Budgets are due February 7th including capital and any major equipment replacement. He indicated the Fire Department and Fire Marshal's budgets are currently in good shape. The Outside Contractor and Regular Payroll for the Fire Marshal's budget can be moved back and forth. Fire Investigator Roberge noted they are doing good in controlling costs.

Item 6: Report of Emergency Management Director
Chairman Severance noted he met with CL&P and reviewed the Critical Facilities Map for the Town of Chester.

Chairman Severance noted he placed an article in the Chester Events looking for someone to work as Deputy Emergency Management Director. He had two responses.

There was a brief discussion regarding new school safety procedures.

Chairman Severance briefly reviewed the Emergency Management Planning Grant money for Region 2. There are 3 Regions and each Region gets \$10 million. He also noted there is a new template coming out for the Emergency Operations Plan which has to be done this year. The template has not been published yet.

Fire Investigator Roberge briefly discussed AT&T and their "slick" locations where generators are hooked up during extended power outages.

Item 7: Financial Report
(a) 2013-2014 Budget
(b) 2013-2014 Fire Marshal Budget
Both Chief Greeney and Fire Marshal Leighton indicated the 2013-2014 Budgets looked good. It was noted the 2014-2015 Budgets should be put on the next Agenda as they are due back to the First Selectman February 7th.

Item 8: Old Business
There was a brief discussion regarding the deferred purchase of an iPad.

Chairman Severance asked if anything will be coming back from the insurance

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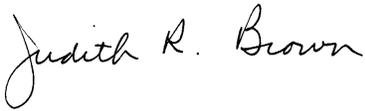
company relative to the oil spill incident at the Brushmill. The reply was no as everything was replaced in kind and this incident did not cost the Town anything.

Item 9: New Business - none.

Item 10: Adjournment

Motion by Schreiber, second by Zanardi, to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Voting in favor - Schreiber, Zanardi, Divis, Janecek, Severance. Opposed - none. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary