

The Chester Board of Fire Commissioners held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at the Chester Fire House, 6 High Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Joel Severance, Rick Schreiber and Charlene Janecek. Ex-officio members Fire Chief James Grzybowski, Fire Investigator David Roberge and First Selectman Ed Meehan were also present. Chairman Severance called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2014
Motion by Janecek, second by Severance, to approve September 10, 2014 Minutes as written. Unanimously approved with Schreiber abstaining. Motion Carried.

Item 2: Audience of Citizens - none.

Item 4: Report of Fire Chief
Chief Grzybowski noted there has been a second incident with the boat. Brief discussion followed regarding this incident. The Hose Company will be contributing money towards a camera for the marina to keep on eye on it.

Chairman Severance noted there is a lot of late boat activity this year.

Chairman Severance noted there was a drill held the end of last month with all towns participating. DEEP and the Coast Guard were there. Overall things went very well. This drill is held every 3 years. Severance noted we need to be more involved in the planning of this in the future.

Chief Grzybowski noted as of January 1st, there will no longer be Outside Contractors, they will be town employees. There was discussion regarding Outside Contractors versus Town Employees.

Chief Grzybowski noted the recent passing of Bruce Rayner. 35 members in full dress uniform attended the funeral held this past Monday. There was a reception at the Fire House. He noted he was very pleased with the turn out from the Department.

Chief Grzybowski noted they will have the burn trailer here at the Fire House for two months and will do heavy training.

Chairman Severance noted the Historical Society has a program where they invite different groups to take a tour. They would like to invite the Hose Company on a drill night and bring family members to see what's in the building.

Chairman Severance asked if there was any interest in having a Knox box for the Mill Building. Chief Grzybowski noted he has the paperwork for the Knox box.

Item 3: Report of Fire Marshal
The Monthly Activity Report for September 2014 was distributed and reviewed.

Fire Investigator Roberge reported on the following -
Roberge noted they have been working with Aaron Manor to resolve generator installation issues.

Roberge noted they have spent time with St. Joseph's regarding their Christmas Bazaar plan and review.

Roberge noted he has done the Pattaconk Yacht Club design review. Another set of drawings have just been received.

With regard to the Historical Society, Roberge noted a fire suppression system has been installed in the records vault. Fire Marshal Leighton has met with the Historical Society regarding long range planning for the building.

Roberge noted they spent some time at Chesterfield's to go over some alarm and emergency lighting issues.

Roberge noted they received an email regarding some propane heating units at the Pattaconk Restaurant. He investigated the complaint and the heating units were found to be compliant.

Roberge noted there is an upcoming public meeting regarding firearms on October 21st at Town Hall.

Roberge noted 6 Main will be coming back in requesting apartments on the second floor.

Roberge noted Goodspeed has been hauling costume materials out for the last week. This was discussed at the last meeting.

Item 5: Report of First Selectman
First Selectman Meehan noted the Connecticut Water Company is moving forward with the water line replacement on Main Street. Any input from the Fire Department would be welcome at this time.

First Selectman Meehan noted there is a stakeholders meeting on November 12th at the Meeting House with D.O.T. regarding the Main

Street Bridge Replacement. They will close the road early January 2016. Utility poles will be moved Fall 2015.

First Selectman Meehan noted the Town Hall alarm system has been installed, activated and number assigned last week.

It was noted the Ice Carnival will be the 3rd weekend in February.

Item 6: Report of Emergency Management Director
Chairman Severance reviewed the Region 2 Support Security Working Group. He noted there is a lot going on with Coast Guard search and rescue with protocols.

Chairman Severance noted he will be attending a "drone" meeting on Monday. Chief Grzybowski noted he is hoping to have Deputy Chief Schaefer attend that meeting also. It was noted there is new legislation being proposed in Hartford having to do with the public, commercial and emergency management. The only thing addressed is law enforcement. The towns of Saybrook and Guilford have one.

Roberge noted FEMA is seeking comments on public assistance insurance policies.

Item 7: Financial Report
(a) 2014-2015 Budget
(b) 2014-2015 Fire Marshal Budget

Chief Grzybowski distributed copies of the Hose Company budget. It is 30% spent. He noted the Ambulance collected over \$45,000 for the first quarter.

First Selectman Meehan noted budgets are on track, both the Hose Company and Fire Marshal. We're in good shape.

Item 8: Old Business - none.

Item 9: New Business - none.

Item 10: Adjournment
Motion by Schreiber, second by Janecek, to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary