

Meeting of the Board of fire Engineers

January 19, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:46 p.m.

Members present: Chief Michael S. Trovato
Warren Alexander
Marilyn Monks
James Roderick Jr.
Gerard Menangas
Russell Zawaduk
Adam Wolf (excused attending Truro meeting)

Chief's Report

Damage done to front and rear aprons at the of the main station examined by DPW Forman Ray Duarte. David Guertin was advised of the inspection. Damaged areas will be repaired in the spring.

Funeral service for retired Fire Chief James Meads was well attended. Chief Trovato praised everyone for their efforts in organizing the service. Alexander suggested a letter of thanks be sent to the members.

FY2007 Budget and 2006 budget update reviewed by the board.

The BoFE will meet with the Selectmen to review the Fire Dept. FY 2007 Budget on Tuesday, January 24th at 3 p.m. at Town Hall.

All Board members have been re-appointed to the BoFE.

Recall from Cummins for Engines 190 and 195 discussed. Chief will contact Cummins again.

Steward of Headquarters discussed.

Application received from Nathan Herrick for position as Steward of Headquarters. Discussion ensued on how Herrick could be hired since he now holds a full-time position for the town.

Motion: Monks motioned to hire Herrick as the Steward of Headquarters; Zawaduk seconded the motion for discussion:

Alexander suggested sending the Town Manager a Memo requesting his approval to hire Nathan Herrick for the position, All in favor.

Application received from Malcolm Kerr Hunter for membership in Engine Company #1. Application forwarded to #1.

Ambulance Term Usage discussed. BCFCFA voted to follow the Federal Typing Terminology for a vehicle used primarily for the transport of sick or injured. That vehicle will be referred to as an AMBULANCE. The term ambulance will be used for radio designation and for requesting or referencing that type of vehicle. The change will take place on January 1, 2006.

New Application Permit Forms to Store Liquid Propane Gas sent to Shankpainter Printing. Forms will be a 4 sheet form- White copy for FD, Yellow copy for Gas Inspector, Pink copy for Site and Gold copy for Installer.

Chief Trovato will deputize Electrical Inspector Ed Schneiderhan and Gas Inspector Bob Solomonte as the Fire Departments designee's during gas, electrical, sprinkler, and smoke and carbon monoxide detector inspections. Chief Trovato will contact Building Commissioner Doug Taylor to be sure that the new Sprinkler System Regulations are being implemented.

Meeting with Lower Cape Ambulance will be held at the Main Station on January 26, 2006 to discuss the use of the Main Station by LCA employees. The use of the Johnson Street Station by LCA will also be discussed.

House Reports

Engine #1

Scott Martin completed Fire fighter I & II Course at Barnstable Fire Training Academy. House voted to move Martin up to a Regular position in #1.

Motion: Zawaduk motioned to accept the house vote and move Martin to Regular status; Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

House would like to purchase a Muster Trophy. It would be called the Joe Trovato/ Richard Meads (Tarts) Memorial Muster Trophy. The Trophy would be held by the Muster winner of the year. Cost of trophy is being researched by #1.

Ladder 192

Roderick asked when the nozzle for the ladder truck would be completed. The Chief will contact Chuck from EVM.

Engine #194

Application received from Mohammed Faisal for membership in 194.

Motion: Menangas motioned to accept Mohammed Faisal as a member of House 4 pending his physical exam; Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

Rescue

Rescue members would like permission to change the day of the monthly rescue squad meeting to the second Tuesday of the month. The change was requested because members attending the EMT course are in school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and they would like to attend the meetings.

Rescue Bike Patrol in the summer discussed.

Monks suggested that rescue members form a Committee to gather information to be presented to the BoFE defending their request for ALS as well as BCLS bike patrols. The Committee will develop training strategies, and outline policies and procedures to be presented to the board for approval. Committee members are Monica Himes, Marcia Basine, Tom Roda and John C. Branch.

Monica Himes voted to Regular status by members of the Squad.

Motion: Monks motioned to accept the vote of the squad and move Monica to Regular status; Wolf seconded the motion, All in favor.

Rescue members would like to reimburse Monica Himes for the cost of her EMT course. FD policy states, "No requests for reimbursement shall be accepted unless the expense was pre-approved by the Chief and or the BoFE".

Flu shots for the fall of 2006 discussed. Barnstable County nurses are ordering flu vaccine for the Police Dept. Rescue members may be immunized on the same day. Fire Dept owes the police department for the cost of one vial of serum for the 2005 flu inoculations of rescue members.

Phone system from AT&T or Verizon will be researched.

Meeting room chairs discussed. Should new chairs be purchased or will seat cushions suffice. Chair cushions purchased by Wolf. He will be reimbursed for the cushions.

Lower Cape Ambulance would like to pay rent for their use of the Main Fire Station.

Motion: Wolf motioned to approve LCA's request to ask for the \$12,000 rent; Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

Chief Trovato will handle any problems in the station, it. He will then speak to James J. Meads of LCA and it will be taken care of.

Extra 35 ft Extension Ladder stored at the main station discussed. Wolf will move it to the Johnson Street Station.

Hummer (198) discussed. Hummer will be moved to the Airport. Chief Trovato will contact the Airport Manager Butch Lisenby re moving the vehicle.

Steward of Hummer discussed. Steele has not performed his duties for some time.

Motion: Chief Trovato motioned to inform Steele by letter that he has been dismissed of his duties as Steward of Hummer; Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

Steward of the Hummer position will be posted at the main station. All Captains will be notified by mail.

Adjournment

Motion: Menangas motioned to adjourn; Roderick seconded the motion, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

