

## **Newington Fire & Rescue Department**

### **Board of Fire Engineers**

#### **Monthly Meeting: May 2, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was called to order at 1200 hrs by Chairman Jim Fabrizio. Engineer Jack O'Reilly was in attendance. Engineer Fletcher joined the meeting in progress. The department was represented by Chief Head, Asst. Chief LeDuc, and Deputy Chief Sabine.

**Public Comment:** Engineer O'Reilly thanked the department for helping get the lights from the skating rink to the carriage house.

**Prior Month's Minutes:** Engineer O'Reilly made a motion to accept meeting minutes from April 4, 2018 as written. Chairman Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 2-0

**Chief's Monthly Report:** Engineer O'Reilly made a motion to accept the Chief's Report for April. Chairman Jim Fabrizio seconded. Motion carried 2-0

**Old Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

**Boat-** Chief Head led a discussion on replacing the department's 1973 Mackee boat with 2010 motor. He asked that Assist Chief LeDuc and Deputy Chief Sabine lead a boat replacement committee. The board supported establishing a boat replacement committee.

**Ladder Truck:** Deputy Chief Sabine updated the board on the repair/maintenance status of the ladder truck. The alternator was replaced. DC Sabine has requested quotes for hydraulic and cable testing for ladder

**Protective Clothing –** Chief Head asked for the board to authorize the purchase of helmets, gloves and boots. Engineer O'Reilly made a motion to authorize the purchase of up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) in protective clothing. Engineer Fletcher seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Request to Burn Brush –** Chief Head asked the Board's opinion on allowing the department to help residents' burn brush piles. Occasionally, residents will ask the department for assistance getting their brush piles lit or request the department to be present for a large pile. It was

decided that the department can use a common sense approach in making the decision to assist the residents.

Air Cleaning Specialist Contract – Chief Head presented the board with a renewal contract from Air Cleaning Specialist for plymovent system servicing. Engineer O’Reilly made a motion to renew contract as presented. Engineer Fletcher seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

New England Fire Chief’s Conference – Chief Head asked the board to authorize expenses for DC Sabine and himself to attend the upcoming conference of New England Fire Chiefs in June. Engineer Fletcher made a motion to authorize hotel accommodations (2 rooms for 2 nights) for Dc Sabine and Chief Head. Engineer O’Reilly seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Disposal of non-certifiable equipment – Chief Head asked the board for permission to dispose of 5 air bottles, used harnesses and ropes, and an air cart that can no longer be used. The board reviewed the items and determined that they were of no value. Engineer O’Reilly made a motion to authorize the disposal. Engineer Fletcher seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Chief’s Comments:**

Chief Head commended his department for their hard work and professionalism. There have been some tough calls lately and our department did very well.

Chief Head said that the forestry vehicle is up and running and the department four wheeler is in service as well.

**Good of the Order:** Chief Head read a thank you note from a Hampton Resident who thanked our department for responding mutual aid to a large fire at the soup kitchen in front of her home.

Assistant Chief LeDuc – Upcoming Department Activities include:

Police and Fire Department open house on June 9.

Pump Op’s class will be hosted by Newington at the end of May.

Our crews have been training at the Old Stone School and Great Bay Dorms using a fog machine to simulate smoke conditions.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 1235 by Engineer O’Reilly. Seconded by Chairman Fabrizio.

