

Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting

April 12, 2022

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: P. Christian; E. O’Hurley; V. Mathieu; J. Caron;

Others in attendance: Chief Flynn, Margaret Van Cott, Dan Vindigni, Zack Louis.

Absent: J. Bucior; P. Yeskey

Chairman Christian asked for a moment of silence for Richard Miner, Sr. who was a commissioner and a fellow fire fighter.

V. Mathieu stated that the Minor family was impressed with the fire department for being pall bearers at the funeral. The family thanks the fire department.

Secretary's Report

No report

Minutes & Correspondences:

Waive the minutes until next month as two of the commissioners who are here tonight were not at the last meeting so they can’t vote and we are missing two other commissioners. We will vote on the March and April minutes at the May meeting.

Financials:

We are at 79.2% for the year. Went over the accounts that are “over” at this point.

Repairs-96.0%

Service Maintenance-81.5%

Diesel Fuel-110.0%

Fire Equipment-87.6%

Training-106.4%

Total we are at 68.4% for the year.

Station accounts:

Natural Gas-
Station1- 137.5%
Station 2-116.6%
Station3-102.1

East Street Station is on target.

V. Mathieu motioned to accept the financials. J. Caron seconded the motion. All in favor. 4-0.

Correspondences:

No correspondence

Calls and Activities:

62 calls for the month of February
5-Fire
8-Rescue
1-Hazardous
14-Service
21-Good Intent
8-False
1-Special Type/Complaint
4-undetermined

Chief stated that Zack will go over all the calls in more detail.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

1st Responder-met with the two chiefs and the EMS Coordinator from Johnson Memorial. Need to meet with Spencer's office at the beginning of this week. Need to take care of some training, ex: Narcan.

Hoping to get the application in at the end of the month and be up and running for July 1st.

Chairman Christian stated that he is happy things are moving along

New Business:

Fire marshal and captain positions-everything is on hold as the union is going through mediation over a few items. Mediation is taking place on May 3rd, so hopefully after that we can move forward.

Fire Marshal's Report:

62 calls as listed above.

Two building fires on the same day-March 5th-both were contained.

27 burn permits
12 false alarms
2 motor vehicles accidents
11 calls for service
4 lock outs
1 ring removal

Inspections—Vincent Farms; Remington Street; Suffield Schools; Markowski; Shamrock Café; Ice Cream Shop on Hill Top Farms; Barista Café; McAlister School. Approved the garden sale at the Hallway House. Pulled many underground tanks from Krupa.

Chairman Christian asked about the doorways and other exits and entries at the new Barista Café next to Webster. Zack is looking into the exits to make sure there are enough for all companies.

Chief's Report:

Discussion of the Chief's report:

Vehicles: Trucks are all in good shape. Committee working on Tanker 4.
Facilities: All stations are operational
Equipment: All good—PPE-has been cleaned as required; waiting on delivery for PPE.
Personnel: All healthy-have seen an uptick in covid amongst totally vaccinated.
Other: Meeting with Selectman Moll to discuss responder application.
Met with chiefs to discuss mutual training.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Training:

March 14, 2022-SCBA-Search and Rescue-13 Present.

March 21-Brush Fires-17 members attended

March 23-Admin drill-9 members attended

April 2-3-2 day elevator rescue training -Air Guard attended as well.

April 11-Live fire and related skills at the academy-17 members attended

Training coming up—

April 18-Sunrise Park lost person
April 19-Officers admin drill
April 25-Vehicle stabilization equipment
April 27-Admin Drill
May 9-Farm animal rescue
May 16-Vehicle extrication
May 17-Officers drill
May 23-HazMat refresher
May 25-Admin drill-open to all members

Chairperson's Report:

No report.

V. Mathieu made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm; E. O'Hurley seconded the motion. All in favor. 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Mathieu
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott
Recording Secretary