MINUTES

Board of Fire Engineers
Board, Committee, Office, Etc.

Date: January 13, 2020 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Invoices were signed. Minutes from 12/16/19 were approved. Mail was read.
Account balances were reviewed.

6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW-MARK DAGLE
Mark Dagle met with the Board to review his application for membership. Mr.
Dagle has FF I & II certifications from the State of Maine. He would be willing to
attend the Mass. Firefighting Academy’s Recruit Training Class. Board members
had several questions for Mr. Dagle. He can provide documentation that he does
live in Millbury. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to appoint Mr. Dagle as a
recruit in training pending a successful physical exam, drug test, C.O.R.I. report
and physical ability test. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a
5-0 vote. Mr. Dagle will be assigned to Fire HQ.

REVIEW QUARTERLIES
Board members were satisfied with the Quarterly Reports.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS
- FF. Trevor Olson will be in tonight to get his firefighting gear.
- Chief Hamilton gave the following Apparatus Report based on PM’s done
  on 1/6/20:
  ~ Engine 1: All set
  ~ Tower 1: All set
  ~ Rescue 1: SCBA fill gauges leaking, hydraulic system leaking
  ~ Engine 2: 1 panel light out, 2 rear white work lights out (upgrade all 4 to
    LED), need new PS dipstick, 2 compartment lights out, hose bed cover ripped
  ~ Engine 4: discharge #1 not closing, compartment light out, rear light plate out
    (ground issue?), right backup light out, passenger window won’t open
  ~ Hose 1: All set
  ~ Engine 3: All set
  ~ Forestry 1: lightbar lights out, foam system has problems
  ~ Engine 5: All set
  ~ Repairs: 12/20 SVI repaired several items on Engine 1
    1/3/20 Forestry 3 inspection sticker-Ballard Truck
    1/6/20 SVI replaced tank fill line on Engine 1
    1/9/20 SVI repaired several items on Engine 5

- Chief Hamilton asked Asst. Chief Silver about the foam problem on F1.
  Asst. Chief Silver will have the crew check the filter before the truck goes
  out for repairs.
Chief Hamilton met with the Acting Town Manager and the Finance Director concerning the public safety building. The project will be broken down into three phases. The Town Manager suggested the Committee place an Article on the next Town Meeting Warrant for funds to have plans drawn up. The Committee will work on a presentation for the Board of Selectmen and start to advertise the condition of the present buildings, and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

The Town is working on a blanket Social Media Policy. Each Department should also draw up a Policy that will address certain issues in each Department. Chief Hamilton said the Fire Dept.’s policy needs to be updated.

A proposal to build a private school on McCracken Road was reviewed. The school will hold 35-students. Chief Hamilton requested all traffic exit by way of Dwinell Road. He will keep the Board updated as the project progresses.

The building at 94 Elm Street must be restored to its original condition prior to Fallon/Reliant taking it over. Contractors are working in the building now removing all offices and reconstructing dividing walls.

Affinity Living (a sober house) will be located at 37 Main Street housing 12-residents. The building is not sprinklered. Chief Hamilton will draw up a Pre Incident Plan for the location.

The fire alarm system at Town Hall will be installed soon. At this time, only the main floor will be done. The Police Station will be done at another time.

The Board reviewed progress reports on the two recruits in the Fire Academy’s Training Program.

The Library is looking for a firefighter to take part in their career day. This will be held on 1/16/20. Asst. Chief Silver will follow up.

Board members looked over a new MSA thermal imager. The imager that is NFPA approved has a higher cost. Engine 1 will try out the imager and report to the Board before a decision is made.

Engine 2 is going to Specialty Vehicles tomorrow for repairs. Engine 4 will go next week.

Asst. Chief Gasco has a partial training schedule ready.

Changes to the Wakes and Funeral Standard Operating Guidelines will be addressed at the next meeting.

Deputy Chief Rudge asked for an update on the Public Safety Building project. He was told that the Committee voted to move forward and will start to advertise the need for a new police and fire station. A Public Hearing will be held at some point and an Article will be placed on the Warrant of the next Town Meeting.
Deputy Chief Rudge said the hose tower at Station 2 looks good. The walls have been painted and a drop ceiling was installed. Chief Hamilton told him the new washer was installed today. It still needs to have electricity run to the room.

Deputy Chief Rudge said there is definitely a leak in the roof at Station 2. He thought it might be the flashing. This will be checked once the weather is better.

Station 2’s Fishing Derby has been postponed to February 16, 2020 due to lack of ice.

Asst. Chief Silver said Station 3 needs a couple of new ceiling tiles. Chief Hamilton will check to see how many are needed and get them from the surplus at Station 2.

Asst. Chief Silver had information about wall-mounted gear racks for Station 3. He said the 4-set is $1152 and the 6-set is $1646. Both are available from Global Industries. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to purchase a 6-set wall mounted gear rack for Station 3. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Open Burning begins on 1/15/20.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:50.