

MINUTES
Litchfield Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS
April 19, 2012 Meeting
Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road Bantam, CT

Members Present: Chairman John Campbell, Teresa Berry, Sam Kinkade, Doug Hatstat, Francine Spencer, Paul Parsons

Members Absent: Sam Kinkade

Also present: Fire Marshal Thomas O'Hare

Chairman J. Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by T. Berry and seconded D. Hatstat by to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting. Passed

There were no Public Requests or Comments

Appointment of Officers – The officers of the commission for April 2012 thru March 2013 are: John Campbell, Chairman – Teresa Berry, Vice Chairman – Francine Spencer, Secretary.

Pension Committee – No report

Budgets – Department and Capital – Chairman Campbell reminded all commissioners of the upcoming budget hearings on April 25th and the Budget Town Meeting and vote on May 9th. Chairman Campbell would like to align all future budget categories similar to the ones used by Northfield Fire Company. This will make review of department budgets easier to review and discuss since all line items will be in similar categories. This was agreed upon by all commissioners. Chairman Campbell requested that the approved 2012 – 2013 budgets be put in this new format.

Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal O'Hare reported that Hydrant Flags are in and will be distributed soon as Public Works needs the space in their building they will be distributed in the future. The ponds at Headquarters road and Hemlock Hill Road will be repaired. The cost of these repairs will exceed the money in capital but Leo has agreed to request money from capital reoccurring to cover the overage. Knox construction will be doing the repairs.

Physicals – Bantam and East Litchfield are in the process of making appoints for their members at this time.

EMS- No report

Communications –Received a letter from Judge Gill in reference to the siren located at the green. He feels that the siren is disrupting the courts. At this time the siren only works from 8:00 and 9:00PM. Asst Chief Evers explained the steps that will be taken to try and alleviate the problem such as shortening the time the motor turns the siren. There is also discussions on moving the siren to a pole near the Litchfield Firehouse since the power source in the area of

the green is not dependable and it would be able to be hooked up to the generator at the firehouse if it is close enough. Litchfield will continue to address the situation with all parties.

With no other business to bring before the Board a motion was made by P. Parsons seconded by T. Berry to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 Passed

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