

**MINUTES**  
**Litchfield Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS**  
**May19, 2011 7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road Bantam, CT**

**Members Present:** Chairman John Campbell, Francine Spencer, Doug Hatstat, Teresa Berry

**Members Absent:** Paul Parsons, 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 by D. Hatstat to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting. Passed

**Public Requests/Comments** . None

**Commission Requests** . None

**Northfield Engine 1 Truck Refurbish**

Chief M. Berry (Northfield) explained to the Board that the work on Engine 1 was delayed till this year due to the situation at the old station and it was best to wait till the new building was complete.

**SCBA Compressor Replacement**

Chairman J. Campbell stated that the bid to replace the Compressor filling system at the Bantam station was awarded to O-ring and Associates for a cost of \$46,691.40. This came in less than expected and it is the hope that the compressor system at the East Litchfield station gets updated in the near future.

**Report from Truck spec Committee** . No Report

**Budgets – Department and Capital** – No Report

**Fire Marshal**

Fire Marshal O'Hare reported that things in the office are running smoothly. He was approached by Public Works of work that need to be done on the Fire Pond located on hemlock Hill Road. It is his intention to lump that project in with repair work to the pond at Wheeler Road and the new pond to be located at Whiskers lane and Wigwam Roads.

**Department Physicals**

Fire Marshal O'Hare reported that the physical for this year are almost complete, Northfield has one more date on the calendar. He also reported that we again have gone over the medical line item. The Board will use the balance of the Commission budget but will need to request a transfer from the Board of Selectman. There was much discussion on the requirements of physicals for Junior Corp members and exactly what type of physicals that they are getting as well as whether sports physicals given by the school systems are adequate. There are questions by the Chiefs and Board members as to what is needed and a meeting with Saint Francis will be set up to go over the exact requirements This will be discussed with the Chiefs of

Service in the near future. A new updated medical list will be given to the al departments as soon as the Northfield physicals are completed.

**EMS Business** . Nothing to report

**Pension Committee** . Chairman J. Campbell stated that a new member from Litchfield is coming on board; the committee should start to look at what is needed for retention of new and present members of the volunteer services.

**Communications** . It was brought to the attention of Chairman J. Campbell that a request to cover the cost of prescription glasses damaged at a fire scene was presented to the Town, but due to the \$1000 deductible they would not be covered. The board requested that a town policy be researched on the loss or damage of personal property at emergency scenes or drills. It was also suggested to find out what the costs would be if a rider for just this purpose could be obtained.

With no other business to bring before the Board a motion was made by T. Berry seconded by F. Spencer to adjourn the meeting at 8:48. Passed

**John Campbell, Chairman  
Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS**

**Date**

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