

**West Newbury Board of Fire Engineers
May 3, 2017**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Dwyer, Dave Evans, Ben Jennell

I. Call to Order by Mike Dwyer at 7:30pm

- Ben Jennell made motion to have Mike Dwyer remain as "Chief Engineer" (C1), 2nd by Dave Evans
2-0 In Favor, 1 Abstention (M.Dwyer)
- Mike Dwyer made motion to have Ben Jennell remain as "C2", 2nd by Dave Evans
2-0 In Favor, 1 Abstention (B. Jennell)
- Mike Dwyer made motion to have Dave Evans remain as 'C3", 2nd by Ben Jennell
2-0 In Favor, 1 Abstention (D. Evans)

Mike Dwyer – Fire Chief, Car 1
Ben Jennell, - Assistant Fire Chief, Car 2
Dave Evans – Deputy Fire Chief, Car 3

- Mike Dwyer made a motion to keep Ben Jennell as BOFE Clerk, 2nd by Dave Evans
Discussion: Dave Evans will keep minutes of the BOFE meetings and assist Ben Jennell with duties when necessary. (3-0 vote)

II. Annual Appointments

- Mike Dwyer nominated all Fire Department members for reappointment, 2nd by Dave Evans (3-0 vote to approve all members for reappointment)
Discussion: The members will be notified by email, BOFE will split roster for notification.

Discussion: Filling empty officer positions:

- 1 Captain
- possible Lieutenant positions.
- Interim Lieutenant to help out while Lt. Duxbury is away for 3 months.
- Table these until next meeting
- Officer Exam will be created by Dave Evans & Ben Jennell

III. Old Business

- Portable radios and new repeaters.
- Retirement gathering for Scott Berkenbush (possibly June 2017)

IV. SCBA Replacement

- Town voted to purchase new SCBA's, masks and Fill Station (Town Meeting)
- **Discussion:** Final Preparations to order and purchase new SCBA's and fill station
 - Dave Evans will prepare questionnaire to be sent out to members.
 - Ben Jennell will contact American Airworks to check on fill station.

V. Budget – FY 2018

- Chief Dwyer met with FinCom recently to discuss the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all members. The Fire Department will be looking into writing a grant for the new PPE.

VI. Apparatus/Stations

- The Fire Department will be looking into replacement options for Tanker 25
Discussion: The BOFE will be looking into grants for replacement or overhaul of Tanker 25.
 - FF Bill Roche and Retired Deputy Fire Chief Mark Hemingway were names discussed to help with this process.

VII. New Business

- Annual Fire Department / Fire Company Meeting will be held Monday May 8, 2017 (6:30pm at WN Central Station)
- Memorial Day Parade / Open House preparations
- Firemen's Memorial Sunday – June 11, 2017 @ Georgetown Fire Headquarters
- Page School Award winner "Birthday at the Fire Station" – May 20, 2017 (1:00pm)
- 3-Town Bowl-A-Thon, sponsored by the Pentucket Education Foundation, May 11, 2017 (6-8pm) @ Leo's Bowling, Rte 110, Amesbury
- Pentucket Safety & Public Service Academy's "Mock Accident", May 15, 2017 (1:00pm) @ Pentucket High School

VIII. Next Meeting

- Mike Dwyer will post meeting for next week.

IX. Meeting Adjourned: 8:48pm