



The Town of Newington

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BOARD OF
FIRE ENGINEERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS HELD ON **APRIL 11, 1989.**

Present were Board members Robert Spinney, Carl Akerley, Anthony Nalli, Fire Chief Larry Wahl and Assistant Chief Norman Rogers. In attendance were Gail O'Leary, Tim Toth, Joseph Sukeforth, John Klanchesser and Richard Rines.

Chairman Spinney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The first order of business was a motion by Chairman Spinney to turn over his Chairman seat to Carl Akerley who is now starting his third year on the Board, seconded by Tony Nalli; so voted.

The Minutes for the March meeting were read. Motion by Robert Spinney was made to accept; seconded by Tony Nalli; motion carried.

The Fire Chief's Report for March was reviewed. Tony Nalli made a motion to accept; seconded by Robert Spinney; so voted.

Under old business, the Assistant Chief's position was discussed. The Chief presented a letter recommending the Board take a closer look at Policy #VII, and think about increasing the limit to 15 miles. The Chief also asked that Assistant Chief Rogers be allowed to stay on until December 31, 1989. Chairman Akerley stated he had found out from the Durham Post Office that Rogers had moved to Lee on or about January 13, 1989, and the mileage was about 15-16 miles from the Station. Both Akerley and Spinney spoke against the idea of extending the limits even further, citing time and safety factors and town ordinances. Tony Nalli stated he thought Skip Rogers was a careful driver and that 15 miles would be acceptable. There being no more discussion, Spinney made a motion to request Assistant Chief Roger's resignation; seconded by Akerley; so voted. Nalli voted against. All agreed that Rogers be commended for his time spent on the Department over the past 14 years. It was recommended at this time by Nalli that we not appoint anyone too soon, and that we accept applications until the June 13th regular meeting of the Engineers and then chose someone. Moved by Spinney; seconded by Nalli; so voted.

Next, Board accepted Chief's request for days off.



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Still under old business, the Chief presented his proposal for a new policy regarding billing for the ambulance starting May 1, 1989, at a charge of \$75.00 per call. Motion made by Nalli to institute this new policy; seconded by Spinney; so voted. Chief Wahl said he would circulate a letter to the businesses in town explaining the new policy.

Next, the Chief made note that he would not be able to attend all the meetings in S. Portland that he had signed up for.

Chairman Akerley requested a work session on NFPA 1500, and also stated that Newington had a good jump on most of the changes that are needed to comply. A date of April 18, 1989 was agreed upon at 6:30 p.m. at the station.

Under new business, the Chief presented numerous purchase orders totaling more than \$20,000.00 -- included were rust protection inspection for Ladder 1; a street box for Gundalow Landing; wooden lockers; a single physical estimate of \$269.00 for a new member; minitors and new bunker gear. More fire alarm cable would be bought than expected, because of a cheaper cost per foot. The largest of the purchase orders was a cost of a little over \$11,000.00 for the new computer. Nalli and the Chief were very pleased with the total system recommended by Joe Gannon. All purchase orders were signed.

The Chief discussed a three day course he took in Concord regarding new laws on written citations and administrative search warrants and the Fire Department's role in search and seizure -- he felt this will give him a little more clout. The engineers then signed an application for the Chief to send to Commissioner Dick Flynn, stating that they allow Chief Wahl to be qualified in this matter. Akerley also mentioned the fire lane problem. Wahl stated this would all fall into place with the new course.

For the good of the Department, Chief mentioned Attorney Loughlin's letter read by Spinney in the March 14 Minutes, and stated that the fees collected by the ambulance billing would go into town revenue, but in no way would it ever become a profit making service; all agreed.