



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 FEBRUARY 14, 1989

Present were Board members Robert Spinney, Anthony Nalli, Carl Akerley, and Fire Chief Larry Wahl. In attendance were FFs Joe Sukeforth, John Klanchesser, and Jim Botelle.

Chairman Spinney called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The minutes of the January 10, 1989 meeting were read. Motion to accept made by Nalli, seconded by Akerley, motion carried.

The Fire Chief's report for January was read. Akerley made motion to accept, seconded by Nalli, motion carried.

Under old business, Chairman Spinney read a proposed letter from the Board of Fire Engineers to Attorney Peter Loughlin requesting his advice on options concerning charging for ambulance service. The Board approved and signed the letter.

Chairman Spinney asked the Fire Chief if the letter to the Selectmen requesting the Department be allowed to take over Police Department space in the building when the Police Department moves into their new building had been sent. Chief Wahl said he had delivered it personally the morning after the last regular meeting of the Board. There has been no reply.

Concerning the LT position, Chief Wahl said two had applied. Tim Toth will remain as 01, and Jim Botelle will become 02.

Chief Wahl referred to the package of material from Workmen's Compensation he had given the Board at the last meeting. He indicated they would be looking for a response and, if agreeable with the Board, he will go ahead and prepare a reply. He said he believes the Department is already about 75% in compliance with NFPA 1500. The Board agreed the Chief should prepare a response and present it at the next meeting.

Chief Wahl offered for the Board's consideration a proposal that the Department take advantage of the services of the Health Watch Employees Assistance Program, located in Exeter, at a cost of \$30 per year per employee. This organization could be called upon for individual counselling and debriefing when an employee suffers mental stress as a result of a particularly upsetting experience at the scene of a bad accident, suicide, etc. The Board approved enrollment in the program.