Board of Fire Commissioners
September 7, 2021
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
Regular Meeting

Commissioners present: Bruce Dutch, Tim Reynolds.
Visitors present: Don Angersola, Rob Smith

1. **Call to Order**: Meeting called to order by Chairman B. Dutch at 5:00pm
2. **Acceptance of Minutes**: Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021 and Special Meeting of August 10, 2021 Motion made by B. Dutch, seconded by T. Reynolds to accept minutes as read of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021 and Special Meeting of August 10, 2021. Motion passed.
3. **Bill Approvals**: Recent submissions were reviewed and discussed. Motion made by T. Reynolds, seconded by B. Dutch to accept and pay the bills. Motion passed. Discussion by R. Smith to check with Public Works for delivery of NAPA parts etc, possibly at less cost.
4. **Budget Recap**: Current expenditures were read, no questions.
5. **Old Business**: Commissioner appointment recommendations; 4 applicants over 2 months period. Applicants are; T. Myers, C. Quinn, M. Pisciotti, C. Mansfield. Discussion of applicants for Fire Commissioner, all excellent candidates. R. Smith stated the Selectmen can make appointment without a recommendation. Motion made by B. Dutch, seconded by T. Reynolds, to differ appointment to the Selectmen. Motion passed.
6. **Visitor Participation**: No discussion
7. **Fire Chief's Report**: Very busy month with 2 storms, significant flooding on Creamery Road with multiple evacuations. Celebrate East Haddam Day was great success, over 4,000 visitors. Update on hiring more career staff, per R. Smith pending.
8. **Fire Marshal's Report**: Burn permits and inspections are up to date. Alarm at Franklin Academy is being looked at and will be squared away. Chief has been made aware.
9. **Building Report**: Company 1 bathroom and janitors closet still in the works. Company 2 electrical work done, monitors were wired, outlets installed. IT can start installing camera and Active 911 on the monitors. Need to check fire alarms at both fire houses due to outdated cell service. Breakers continue to trip when A/C units running, will need to rewire which will be addressed over the winter. Cost to upgrade to 5G about $2000. Lawn care on regular rotation. Flag light will be fixed at Company 1. Light poles at Company 1 are splitting, light poles to be removed by Public Works.
10. **Equipment Report**: Utility 1-15 had damage to front end during Ida. Eddie's Autobody provided quote, all paperwork has been submitted to town for insurance claim.
11. **Correspondence**: None
12. **New Business**: Paperwork to move ambulance to Company 2 still in process per L. D'Aquila. Good progress and communication with career staff. Commissioners will continue to meet regularly with staff. No complaints per R. Smith.
13. **Adjournment**: Motion made by B. Dutch, seconded by T. Reynolds, to adjourn meeting at 5:35 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Reynolds, Secretary