

# TOWN OF SOMERS FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Thursday January 17, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Frank Lawlor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Members Present: Frank Lawlor, Alice Van Tassel, Dave Palmer and Carl Rohrbach, Jr.
- Others Present: Fire Chief Ed Pagani, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone, Deputy Fire Chief Gary Schiessl, Deputy Fire Marshal Glenn Reynolds, Erin Hull, Monica Richi, Mike Salva and Paul Lietz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Minutes from the December 20, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Mrs. Van Tassel and second by Mr. Palmer

FIRE CHIEF:

- Several accounts are overrun which will result in FY 2007/2008 year end Fire Department budget deficit
  - Building Maintenance account continues to have major furnace related expenses
    - § Fahrenheit Mechanical Services will submit estimate on required modifications to improve general system operation including fuel consumption and reliability
- The Ambulance budget remains on track
- A motion by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mrs. Van Tassel was passed unanimously to submit to the Board of Selectmen the FY 2008/2009 Fire Department and Ambulance budgets as presented by the Chief and modified by the Commission.
- DOT inspections completed on all vehicles
- Town Hall looking into legality of using local volunteer firefighters to fill the paid part-time needs which is being done by surrounding towns to fill their part time needs

FIRE MARSHAL:

- 5 applicants for the Fire Marshal position will be invited for interviews before the Selection Panel being set-up by Deputy Fire Chief Falcone
- A motion by Mr. Rohrbach and seconded by Mr. Palmer was passed unanimously to submit to the BoS the FY 2008/2009 Fire Marshal budget as presented by the Deputy Fire Marshal and modified by the Commission
- Inspections continue however not making progress on the backlog due to the open Fire Marshal position

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mr. Lawlor shared with the Commission some e-mail reaction from the Planning Commission regarding his letter presenting the need for the ladder truck
- Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone presented to the Commission the 2007 Incident List

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Van Tassel, seconded by Mr. Palmer and

passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is February 21, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Somers Fire House.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Rohrbach, Jr.