

**TOWN OF SOMERS
FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday September 18, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Members Present: Vinny Navin, Tony Bruno, Alice Van Tasel, Dave Palmer and Carl Rohrbach
- Others Present: Fire Chief Ed Pagani, 2nd Deputy Chief Gary Schiessl, Fire Marshal Bob Morpurgo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Minutes from the June 19, 2008 meeting and August 21, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously after separate motions by Fr. Bruno and seconds by Mrs. Van Tasel and Mr. Navin, respectively.

FIRE CHIEF:

- The generator at the Fire Station will be upgraded to meet the latest NFPA code. The \$2300 cost will come from EOC funds.
- The CIP estimate for the ET146 replacement needs to be \$450K to reflect current pricing
- Lightning damaged the fire alarm system at the station. Funds are not available in the Fire Marshal's budget to cover replacement costs
- Additional 4" supply hose is required to bring total length available up to NFPA code. Attack hose is also needed.
- The Chief will request a new budget line item strictly dedicated to cover expenses associated with large fire scenes as was experienced with the recent barn fire that required help from 7 surrounding departments for extended hours

FIRE MARSHAL:

- 107 inspections out of 166 have been completed. Remainder should be completed by years end.
- The cost to repair Kibbe-Fuller fire alarm system is coming from the Fire Marshal budget which is inadequately funded for this type of repairs.
- Life safety measures including fire watch, emergency lighting, and fire extinguishers have been instituted for activities at the Four Town Fair grounds when people assemble overnight.

HEATING SYSTEM UPDATE:

- Saren Engineering will submit final proposal for boiler system re-design.
 - Three contractors to bid on construction phase.
 - Saren Engineering will act as Clerk of the Works
 - Boiler OEM will inspect boilers when system opened to determine if boiler repairs are cost effective.

NEW BUSINESS:

- BoS was asked to consider staggering the Commission member's term expiration dates for Board continuity since currently four of the five positions expire at the same time.
- Mr. Rohrbach will solicit Board members' input for Fire Commission section on the new Town website

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion made by Fr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Van Tasel and passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is October 16, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Somers Fire House.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Rohrbach, Jr.