TOWN OF SOMERS FIRE COMMISSION Regular Meeting Minutes 19APR12

 CALL TO ORDER Members Present: Tony Bruno; Jim MacFeat; Vinny Navin II, Chair; Andy Rockett Others Present: Gary Schiessl, Chief; Robert Morpurgo, Fire Marshalt; Frank Falcone, Ass't Chief; Rick MacDonald, SVFD APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion to Approve Minutes from January, 2012: Bruno; Second: MacFeat; Unanimous FIRE MARSHAL Fire Marshall Morpurgo gives oral report. FIRE CHIEF Chief Schiessl gives oral report. Highlights: The Chief reviewed operations for the last several months, and commended volunteers and professional staff for their professionalism in the numerous responses. Continuing to have issues with the building – For example, the bay doors are starting to break down. A Recycling Program has been started. Chief has been in front of the BOE several times regarding the new truck request. We're requesting a multi-truck purchase. The maintenance costs for the old trucks are skyrocketing. Chief in continued discussion with town on issues of members having to pay out-of-pocket expenses for loses incurred when responding to calls, which had formerly been covered. The law that exempted the \$1,000 stipends from income calculations has expired. The law that exempted the \$1,000 stipends from income calculations has expired.	<u>TIME</u>
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5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chief reports 3 career staff applied for job with Bradley Airport, as have several volunteers. Potential exists to lose one or more to that job. Ass't Chief is monitoring, and developing contingency plans.

8. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to Adjourn: Macfeat; Second: Bruno; Unanimous

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