

TOWN OF SOMERS
FIRE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
21FEB13

<u>SEQ</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1.	CALL TO ORDER	1910
	a. Members Present: Tony Bruno; Jim MacFeat; Vinny Navin II, Chair; Andy Rockett	
	b. Others Present: Gary Schiessl, Chief; Robert Morpurgo, Fire Marshall; Daniel Rockett, citizen; James Rockett, citizen.	
2.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	1910
	a. Motion to approve minutes of January, 2013: Bruno; Second, MacFeat; Unanimous.	
3.	FIRE MARSHAL	1912
	a. Fire Marshal's written report, attached hereto, reviewed by the Commission. Motion to accept the report: MacFeat; Second: Bruno; Unanimous. Commission requests the Chair contact the Fire Marshal for additional information on the budget reduction, especially in light of the increase in fires being covered by the Fire Marshal.	
4.	FIRE CHIEF	1920
	a. Chief Schiessl gives oral report. Items of note:	
	i. Overall budget doing well; New bunker gear (from CIP, potential to come in under budget) and other equipment, including leather boots, helmets, gloves, arriving soon.	
	ii. Carpet in Dayroom shot – stained, ripped, must be removed. New Tile to be installed.	
	iii. Cable Access – Association to pay for expanded cable, at no expense to Town, given the extensive time spent on required standby by volunteer personnel.	
	iv. A number of structure fires recently, including several with wood stoves and pellet stoves.	
	v. Several new members	
	vi. Ambulance Budget Comparison, attached hereto, distributed and reviewed.	
	vii. Fire Department Budget Comparison, attached hereto, distributed and reviewed.	
	1. Biggest line increase: Part-Time line item. Need to pay an individual to cover 0000-0600 shift every night, as department having extreme difficulty getting volunteers for that time frame.	

2. Anticipated Vehicle Maintenance reduction of \$10,000 resulting from purchase of new vehicles.
3. Personal Protective Equipment reduced because of new equipment obtained (see above).
4. Volunteer Stipend reduced because of reduced membership.
5. Gas Allowance: Currently \$2.00 per call. Given price of gas and distances driven, members incur personal expense to volunteer services to town. Line item reduction based on 1st two quarters of this year.
6. Total increase, including additional \$24,400 increase in Part Time line account, is only \$6,560 – 1.08% (Other line items reduced approximately \$18,000 per year)

b. Motion to approve budgets submitted: Rockett; Second: Bruno; Unanimous.

5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

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- a. Question from Citizen Daniel Rockett regarding Association's property in the building, costs to replace volunteer members with paid staff.

6. OLD BUSINESS – None.

7. NEW BUSINESS – None

8. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to Adjourn: Bruno; Second: MacFeat; Unanimous.

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