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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – July 1, 2026

Meeting held at Primex in Concord.

The meeting was called to order by Chief LaRoche at 0831 hours.

Members present: Chiefs LaRoche, D. Chamberlain, Carrier, Fraitzl, Cotreau, Buxton, Toomey, and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

Minutes of previous meetings: A MOTION (D. Chamberlain/Buxton) to approve the June minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The June reports were presented. A MOTION (D. Chamberlain /Toomey) to approve carried unanimously.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: A MOTION (Fraitzl/D. Chamberlain)

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

- He described the process of passed bills as they go to the Governor's office for signature. He mentioned HB 340 and the moves to ask for a veto. NHMA still would like our support on that. Last week, Chiefs LaRoche and Lemire, with Adam, participated in a zoom call with the Governor's counsel and Steve Pecora on this issue. The intent of the bill was to identify push polling as illegal and the thought is that we don't need the bill. Our thoughts were that it doesn't put any additional restrictions but we still have a concern.
- He mentioned the Governor's vetoes of the Risk Pool regulation bills to the surprise of legislators.

Report of the President: (LaRoche)

- Chief LaRoche reiterated our efforts on HB 340 and wanted to know the board's thoughts. The board decided to stay with our position.
- He reported on the Homeland Security Grant committee had an initial meeting last week.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- July 10 membership meeting will be virtual.

- In August, we will again be at the Town and Country Inn in Gorham/Shelburne ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6. The Professional Development Committee has plans for a seminar for that meeting.
- The August 5th Board meeting will be virtual.
- The September membership meeting will be on the 9th for breakfast at Lakes Region Community College.
- The Scholarship Program has been advertised and posted. We have received four application so far.
- Steve and I are meeting with our accountant this morning at 1100 hours.

1st Vice President's Report (D. Chamberlain) – No report

2nd Vice President's Report – (Fraitzl) –

- The apparel store is set up and he will be getting us the web site.

Sgt. At Arms Report – (Wheatley) – No report

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) – No report

New Business –

- HB 1705 signing will be at Warner Fire on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.
- Chief Buxton stated that the next Cancer Screening education forum will be July 21 and 23. Sign-ups for appointments will be open August 4.
- Chief LaRoche would like to revisit the Strategic Plan. ED Lemire will make the arrangements with Rick Alpers.

Old Business –

- Chief Cotreau asked if there was any feedback on the EMS survey. There was none.

Good and Welfare –

Motion to adjourn carried at 0906 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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