



NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – February 6, 2019

Primex Offices, Concord, NH

Meeting was called to order at 1233 hours by Chief Buxton.

Present: Chiefs Buxton, Jones, Sitar, LaChappelle, Carrier, Beattie, Toomey, Rhodes, Marshal Parisi and Executive Director Brent Lemire.

Minutes of previous meeting: A MOTION (Sitar/Carrier) to approve the minutes of January 3, 2019 carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: (na)

Correspondence: (none)

Interim President's Report: (Buxton)

- He spoke on the Annual Meeting seminar presenter. Chief LaChappelle has committed a speaker on “Lean Manufacturing.” His name is Richard Eller and he travels world-wide presenting on lean processes.
- We will also be rolling out the Strategic Plan for the membership after the seminar.
- CFSI is being held when Congress is out of session. We have decided not to attend this year.
- The Sober Housing issue has been resolved.
- The two members of the Housing Code Review Board have offered to resign over the Sober Housing issue. He feels that we should not accept them now.
- He testified before the Board of Fire Control on the light weight wood construction waiver. The Realtors are having concerns with it.
- He reported on the FFI Visiting Committee in the spring.
- He reported on their meeting with the “Five Families” and the outcomes. He attended another meeting at NHFA on EMS issues.
- He attended the “Hub & Spoke” presentation in Nashua. Not operational yet in the southern part of the state. Chief Rhodes added that the communities other

than “Safe Station” cities did not have the infrastructure in place. He’s not optimistic for a quick upstart.

- Primex “Fire Service Symposium” planning will occur shortly. Any input on material is welcome.
- Committee assignments will be discussed. Charlie Corey from Brookline has expressed interest in being our second NVFC member. Members agreed to place his name in.
- He is looking for a volunteer to serve on a working group for a statewide MCI plan.
- Chief Carrier is attending a Homeland Security meeting tomorrow for Chief Buxton.
- He spoke of the retirement of Commissioner Barthelmes April 1. We will invite him to our March meeting and make a presentation.

Legislation:

- Chief Buxton referred to the spreadsheet on bills of interest with hyperlinks. He asked members to refer to it as he went through several bills.

Report of the Executive Director:

- The March meeting will include corned beef and cabbage dinner at Alan’s of Boscawen (our breakfast caterer). The cost will be \$27 (all inclusive).
- Work is continuing on our annual meeting/vendor display for April, 11, 2019. We will again be at the Falls Event Center in Manchester.
- The Legislative Breakfast is being scheduled and may be on the 3rd of April, but it turns out to be the last day of the NEDIAFC conference in Providence.
- May meeting will again be at the Mt. Washington Hotel on May 16 (note change) in conjunction with Primex. We are working on sponsors and speakers.
- Preliminary work is also being done to bring back the Professional Enhancement Weekend for members, spouses and guests. It will be at the Red Jacket Mountainview in North Conway on Veteran’s Day weekend in November. Plan ahead because we need a minimum of 50 participants.
- I am working on completing and RFP for lobbying services for the organization.
- Association patches are available for sale at \$3.00 each.

Interim 1st Vice President’s Report (Chief Carrier) -

2nd Vice President’s Report (Jones) –

Sgt. At Arms Report – (LaChapelle) – (no report)

Treasurer – (Christopoulos) – (no report)

New Business: We will be looking at a Facebook page in the near future.

Old Business: Chief Rhodes expressed concern of the lack of business on the online store. We will discuss options.

- Online store – Link is: <http://petrocellisports.com/nhafc/shop/home>

A MOTION (Carrier/Toomey) to authorize the committee to spend up to \$1500 for shirts and hats to bring to the meetings for sale, carried unanimously.

Good and Welfare:

The meeting was adjourned at 1356 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent T. Lemire, Executive Director
New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs