



NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – November 5, 2025

Meeting held virtually.

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

Members present: Chiefs Watkins, LaRoche, D. Chamberlain, Carrier, J. Chamberlain, S. Buxton, Cotreau, Sitar, Wheatley, Murray, Jones and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

Minutes of previous meetings: A MOTION (Sitar/Wheatley) to approve the September minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: A MOTION (Sitar/Wheatley) to approve the September financial reports carried unanimously.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: n/a

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

- He stated that bills are just coming out and he will be updating the list of legislation proposed.
- He spoke of the updates on the ambulance billing legislation/rate proposal.
- He spoke of the amendment to HB 314 that would impact our members.

Report of the President: (Watkins)

- He attended the NEAFC conference at Mohegan Sun last week.
- He reported on his meeting with Nick Mecuri (LRCC) about establishing a partnership to offer more classes in fire programs that the NHFA offers. He suggested that he speak with Director Wholey and get back to him.
- CFSI. In 2026 it will be March 18 and 19 at the Marriott Marquis in Washington. \$6,500 has been appropriated in this year's budget. ED Lemire has started to research the details.
- He will be attending the North Country Public Safety Awards banquet on November 14 with Chiefs Lemire, Fraitzl, J. Chamberlain, D. Chamberlain and Thomas.

- He will also be speaking at the NHMA Conference in Manchester November 19 and 20.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The November 13 meeting will be virtual.
- The December 11 meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Nashua Country Club.
- The January 8, 2026 meeting will be virtual.
- The February 12 meeting will be at the NHFA for breakfast and seminar.
- The March 12 meeting will be hosted by the Barnstead Fire Department and feature a home-cooked corned beef and cabbage dinner.
- The April Annual Meeting will be at the Common Man in Plymouth.
- The Scholarship Committee will meet virtually this Thursday, November 6 at 1330 hours.
- The letter to the federal delegation on issues with apparatus delivery and costs was co-signed by the Municipal Managers and sent to Washington early last week.
- Board members will represent the Assn. at the North Country Public Safety Awards dinner on November 14.
- I attended the NEAFC conference last week at Mohegan Sun.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$23,565.50 ; Vendor: \$16,495.50; Assn: \$7,069.50.

1st Vice President's Report (LaRoche) –

- He spoke of his uncertainty as to the role of the Professional Development Committee. The board members shared that the committee was created to develop seminars/programs each quarter for presentation to the members. The committee members were charged with selecting a chairperson. Chiefs Murray and Jones offered that the NEAFC SAFER grant could assist in this effort. ED Lemire offered that the new funding through our charitable gaming efforts should also be a resource to attract high level presenters.

2nd Vice President's Report – (D. Chamberlain) – No report

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

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –

- Chief Murray reported that he and Chief Jones were running for NEAFC Secretary/Treasurer and IAFC Director respectively but were not successful. He also reminded the board that he is retiring at the end of the year but will stay on as NH Director until next October. He asked if the board is OK with him doing that and will counsel his replacement during the year.
- Chief Jones thanked everyone for the support and encouraged younger members to start thinking about going up through the chairs (9 years) of the NEAFC.

New Business –

Old Business –

Good and Welfare –

Motion to adjourn carried at 0910 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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November 6, 2025 – Addendum to the Minutes

A MOTION (Fraitzl/Wheatley) to sponsor the continental breakfast (\$800) at the January 14 session of the 2026 Mental Health and Resilience seminar carried unanimously with a majority of the eligible members voting.