



## **NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

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### **Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – July 2, 2025**

Virtual via “Go To” platform

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

**Members present:** Chiefs Watkins, LaRoche, D. Chamberlain, Fraitzl Carrier, Buxton, Wheatley, J. Chamberlain, Sitar, Cotreau, and ED Lemire. Heidi Kroll (Grimblas) and Marshal Toomey joined us also.

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

**Financial Reports:** A MOTION (J. Chamberlain/Sitar) to approve the May and June financial reports, carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Crotched Mountain Foundation requesting donation. Chief D. Chamberlain questioned whether we can contribute to another nonprofit organization. We will check.

Marshal Toomey submitted a request for the NHAFC to participate in a Falls Prevention seminar in September. It will be a Train the Trainer Program that will allow participants to train others in their agencies. He will get more information and report back to us.

**Life Membership:** Chief Matthew Conley (Amherst) meets the qualifications for Life Membership if there is a nomination. A MOTION (Fraitzl/D. Chamberlain) to approve, carried unanimously.

#### **Government Relations: (Schmidt)**

Heidi Kroll from Grimblas participated in the call as Adam is on vacation. She was asked if she expected any surprises. She did not as the budget has been signed.

#### **Report of the President: (Watkins)**

- Chief Watkins reported on his meeting with the “Five Families.” He brought up the CPAT concerns on the vests from Chief Yanuzzi. He will also speak with Chief Jones to see if he can affect a change at the national level.
- He will attend a meeting on School Safety mapping 7/7

- PTSD 7/11
- Marshal Toomey and he will be meeting Single stairs 7/21
- Governor Ayotte 7/28

### **Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)**

- The regular monthly July meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the NHFA at 0900 hours. We will have a brief presentation by the NHIAC entitled "Terrorism Recruiting (video) – Using Fire As A Weapon.
- The August 6 BOD meeting will be in Bristol at the new fire station at 0830, and the monthly meeting will be on the 14 at the Town and Country Inn in Gorham. The seminar will be presented by Commissioner John Steere of Nashua.
- The September 10 BOD meeting and the September 11 Association meeting will both be virtual.
- We advertised the vacancy on the FST Commission. Three candidates applied. (Action item under New Business).
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$22,265.50 ; Vendor: \$15,585.50; Assn: \$6,679.50.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (LaRoche) – No report**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report – (D. Chamberlain) – No report**

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

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

### **New Business –**

- Vacant position on the Fire Standards and Training Commission. Chiefs Steve Yanuzzi of Newport, Chad Miller of Littleton and Alfred Poulin of Barnstead applied. (Chief Poulin is a part-time Chief which I believe disqualifies him). A MOTION (Fraitzl/Sitar) to appoint Chief Chad Miller to the position, carried unanimously.

### **Old Business –**

### **Good and Welfare –**

- The 2025 Golf Tournament will be held at Lochmere CC in Tilton on August 11. Chief Carrier asked for help spreading the word.

Motion to adjourn at 0901 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent T. Lemire, MPA  
Executive Director

June 4, 2025