

**The Board of Fire Commissioners
Portsmouth Fire Department**

Central Fire Station
June 19, 2012

Portsmouth, NH
1900 hours

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Gamester called the meeting to order at 1903 hours and led Pledge of Allegiance. Along with Chairman Gamester, present were: Commissioners Michael Hughes and Paul Wentworth; Chief Christopher LeClaire; Assistant Chief Steven Achilles; Deputy Chief Carl Roediger; Firefighters: Rick Condon, Russ Osgood and Sam Chouinard; and Attorney Tom Closson.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion, to approve the minutes of May 22, 2012, made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Wentworth unanimous.

III. Public Comment Session: None.

IV. Recognition of Groups or Individuals: None.

V. Reports:

A. Fire Chief's Reports:

After brief discussion on report 12-037, Expenditure Status Report, motion, to approve Chief's Reports 12-034 through 12-038, was made by Commissioner Wentworth seconded by Commissioner Hughes, unanimous.

B. Staff Reports:

Deputy Roediger reported on the various building projects underway within the City: New Federal Building at Pease, Middle School finishing up with new addition this summer, Service Credit Union doing finish work inside, Yokens planning Phase I of 3 with three stand alone buildings.

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Assistant Chief Achilles reported on the hiring process of new firefighters with four conditional offers made. An oral board will be conducted in July to review additional candidates. Many firefighters are taking advantage of the grant funded training classes being offered. Air Show is funded by the Boy Scouts and the department will be providing ambulance and triage team for the event. New car 2 has been outfitted and is now in service.

VI. Old Business: None.

VII. Presentations of Written Communications:

Motion, to accept thank you note from Chellie Pingree, Member of Congress regarding the efforts in fighting the fire upon the USS Miami nuclear submarine, made by Chairman Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Wentworth, unanimous.

Motion, to accept and place on file, thank you note from William Reddell III, Major General, NH National Guard, for Chief LeClaire's support in the New Hampshire National Guard State Partnership Program in El Salvador, made by Chairman Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, unanimous.

VIII. New Business:

Chief LeClaire reported on the FY13 Budget which will move forward as presented. It is a full budget with all position funded. Station 1 improvements have been setback due to the findings of led paint. City Manager and Public Works Director notified and are working together on plan for removal.

IX. Public Hearings: None.

X. Non-public Session:


Motion, to enter into Non-public session at 1915 hours for personnel matter, made by Chairman Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, unanimous.

Motion, to come out of Non-public session at 1943 hours with no votes taken, made by Chairman Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, unanimous.

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XI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 1945 hours made by Commissioner Wentworth, seconded by Chairman Gamester, unanimous.



Paul Wentworth, Clerk