

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING

January 10, 2014

(Approved)

Members Present: Stephen Carrier, Kevin Pratt, George Klauber, Michael Brown, Jeremy Thibeault, William Campbell and Mark Tetreault.

Members Absent: William Degnan, David Lindh, Earl Sweeney, J. Michael Joyal, Brad Simpkins, Richard McGahey and Kerry LeBlanc.

Vacancy: Dept. of Education Designee.

Others Present: *Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services*—Jeffrey Phillips, Bureau Chief; Nick Mercuri, EMS Bureau Chief; Denice McAdoo, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Item 1. Call to Order. The meeting of the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission was called to order by Chair Carrier at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2014 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord, NH.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Carrier.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Those present reviewed the minutes from November 14, 2013 and the non-public session minutes from September 5, 2013, but as there was not a quorum they could not be approved. Approval of the minutes was tabled until next meeting.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Carrier welcomed Bill Campbell (Lt. – Nashua FD) who will be representing Fire Instructors and Officers Association of NH (FIOANH).

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 1. Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Tetreault was present and gave a report. There was no written report submitted.

Item 2. Fire Marshal's Office. Director Degnan was not present. Chair Carrier gave a brief update on what Director Degnan had talked about at the NHAFC meeting.

Item 3. Forest Protection Bureau. Chief Simpkins was not present and there was no written report submitted. Chair Carrier updated everyone on what Chief Simpkins had spoken about at the NHAFC meeting.

Item 4. Curriculum Review. Bureau Chief Phillips gave an update. There was no written report submitted.

V. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Director Pendergast was not present and Bureau Chief Phillips gave an update. As a heads up, we are working with DOIT on the issues with the on-line servers. The majority of the North Country facility has been erected and next week will be working on the walls. There are 2 new high school programs starting in Manchester and Concord. There was a meeting with Commissioner Barthelmes about the ARFF site and the updating it needs. Restorations will cost about \$350,000. We will be looking into grant funds for some of this cost, but if that is not possible it will come out of the Fire Fund. Chair Carrier said he believes the cost is well worth the value of the site. He thinks the cost can be recovered. Since there was no quorum, the Commissioners present agreed to support going forward with the restoration.

Commissioner Campbell asked about the "B" Building upgrades. Jeff said Commissioner Barthelmes has approved this.

Bureau Chief Phillips said they are still working on a date for the public hearing for the Criminal Justice/Public Safety Committee. Hopefully, it will be during March with the Commission meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Changes to Curriculum – Process Question
Chair Carrier handed out an e-mail communication regarding holding public hearings anytime there is consideration of changing anything in the

curriculum. He asked Commissioner Brown to review this and bring back to the Commission his opinion.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chair Carrier thanked Commissioner Tetreault for his years of service on the Commission (he has been a member since 2008). Commissioner Tetreault has accepted a Chief's position in Lynnfield, Mass. Congratulations and good luck to Commissioner Tetreault!!

Commissioner Tetreault said the Fire Prevention Society is aware that they need to appoint his replacement, but he does not know who that will be.

There is still no replacement for Ed Murdough (Dept. of Education) and no word on if there will be. Commissioner Brown suggested that the new Director might want to get in touch with the organization and find out if they are going to appoint a replacement.

Commissioner Klauber asked if we could send notification to whoever appoints their representatives at these organizations when we have meetings. That way if they want someone at the meetings, they can do that.

IIX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carrier adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Pendergast, Director