

## **MINUTES OF THE 887<sup>th</sup> CORPORATION MEETING August 8, 2022**

President Nancy Crozier called the meeting to order at 19:33  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Present: 56 Absent: 46

### **Oath of Membership:**

- The following Oaths were taken
  - Garrett Long took the Oath of Membership as a Probationary Member
  - Phillip Kholond took the Oath of Membership to become a Regular Member
  - Matt Seymour took the Oath of Membership to become a Regular Member
  - Jean Barton took the Oath of Membership to become a Regular Member
  - Connor Goldie took the Oath of Office as an Engineer

The July 11, 2022 minutes were approved with one correction to add Captain Bloom's concern for the validity of the vote taken to accept changes to By-Laws Article I and Article 5.

Before the workshop agenda was discussed Secretary Brian Baldwin addressed the membership to give reasons why having a corporate meeting every month was important. He stated that it was to conduct any business of the corporation that needed to be brought to the membership.

President Crozier suspended the meeting at 19:49 due to a fire call.

President Crozier called the meeting to order at 20:17 as members returned to the meeting from the fire call.

### **Presidents Report – Nancy Crozier**

- The department won most in line at the East Hartland Parade. There were 3 Explorers who are second and third generations to the department that marched and helped with the department winning this award.
- Welcome back Jean Barton. She will be the Steward with Sharon Levine-Shein and Nancy Crozier helping her.

### **Secretary – Brian Baldwin**

- Correspondences were read.

### **Committee Executive – Jamie DiPace**

- History Committee will meet after Labor Day. Carol Baldwin will send out an email with details.
- Recruitment Committee – Connor Goldie
  - Will be meeting tomorrow, August 9, 2022
- Clambake – Captain Sanderson
  - Captain Sanderson explained about the clambake for any new members at the meeting that did not know what it was.
- Fire Prevention Committee – Dennis Bianchi
  - Dennis Bianchi will be getting ready for some events. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dennis.
- 9/11 Ceremony – Captain Bloom.
  - The ceremony will be on Sunday 9/11 at the town green. If it should rain it will be held at Company 1. There will be a run from St. Ann's church to Company 1 before the ceremony. Please see Brian Baldwin if interested in running. More information will be going out in a couple of weeks.
- Italian Festival – Jamie DiPace
  - Will be held October 6 and 7, 2022
  - Looking to have a Bocci Ball tournament between Companies. Please let Jamie know if you are interested in helping or participating in the tournament. Jamie DiPace will keep members informed as he gets more information.

### **Chief's Report – Chief Appell**

- All trucks that carried foam will be going out to be pumped, flushed, and cleaned. Tanker 20 and Engine 14 will be the first to go out for this service.
- Engine 13 has F500 which is safe to use. Class A foam is still safe to use.
- No decision has been made as to what foam will be used after all the trucks are cleaned,
- CGR report is late being provided to us. Board will be setting up a meeting with CGR to have their report presented to the fire department, Tentative date is August 23, 2022. If the report is not ready by then, the board will set up another meeting date. CGR will be presenting their final report to the department before they present to the Town Council at their September 1, 2022, town council meeting.
- Thank you to the firefighters that were able to help with the fire watch at 65 Verville Rd.
- Fire Marshal report – There were issues at Avon Mill Apartments. No permits were taken out to do the job and all the alterations were not up to code. Fire Marshal's office is working with contractor to correct this situation.
- The chiefs will be working on the 2023/2024 budget. If any officers would like to see any additions to the budget, please get quotes and a list of items that you are looking to add to the budget and get them to Assistant Chief Kline or Chief Appell.
- Training Division – There will be Rope Rescue training classes on October 8 and 15. Deputy Chief Gelber will be sending out emails with all the information for these classes. If anyone is interested in taking Firefighter I or II classes, please contact Deputy Chief Gelber.
- The PPQ will be in September at all Company levels
- Deputy Chief Gelber will let members know when the driver recertification program will be held.
- Past member Joe Kuzma will be in Avon at Company 3 on August 14, 2022, from 9:00 to about 11:00. Please stop by to say hello to Joe.
- Medical – Entry Level physicals are due. Members must have a PCR test 72 hours before physical.
- 9/11 Event – The Lion's club will be hosting a Public Safety Day at the Avon Senior Center. They would like us to have a truck at this event. The department may do something for recruiting. They will also be hosting a dinner at the North House. Tickets at \$75 per person and all proceeds will go to the fire and police departments.

### **Treasurer's Report – Ryan Deming (Emailed his report)**

- Corporate:
  - As of month-end we have total cash of \$1.4m which includes restricted cash of \$1.25k leaving us with unrestricted cash of the Corporation of \$152k. The increase in total cash is the result of the 22/23 grant and although we have not received that money yet it is booked into financials so we can book the monthly expenses.
  - For our fiscal year to date revenue, we have total revenues of \$554k. \$519k is from the town grant income. The remaining amounts are from donations and fundraising of in current year and release of previously temporarily net assets.
  - Expenses for the fiscal year to date are \$596k of which \$816k is from expenses associated with town grant. Corporation expenses amount to approximately \$77k in total.
- Budget:
  - For the 22/23 budget year total spend is \$22k for the month of July. We have encumbered \$196k for last year's budget and there remain \$50k encumbered for the 20/21 year compared to an initial encumbrance of \$160k.

### **Workshop Agenda**

- New AOGs AAs and Membership AOGs MEMs (See attachment A)
  - Vice President Gina Kline did a power point presentation showing and explaining why the changes and additions for the AOGs were made. Some concerns that were brought up were:
    - Members not knowing all these changes beforehand.
    - Board representatives should have brought these changes to their companies so the members could express concerns or questions.
    - Some concerns about the qualifications of becoming a Retired Veteran. This was a By-Law change that was voted on at last month's corporate meeting.

### **Questions from Members:**

- Lt. Wright asked why the corporate meeting could not start at 19:00 instead of 19:30 since training on every Monday starts at 19:00. Wanted to know if the corporation meetings could be made shorter so that training could be done after the meetings. The board will investigate the times of the corporation meetings. The time is stated in AOG CM-3.

### **Good and Welfare – None**

Attendance Award: Lynn Sedlak \$10.00

Pot O' Gold: There was no winner. Pot is now up to \$10.00 for the September 12, 2022, meeting.

Next Corporation meeting is September 12, 2022

Adjourned: 21:33 (GB)