

**BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**June 5, 2012**

The Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 0800 hours in Chief Lasker's office with Commissioners Mark Saba, John Vincent, Jacob Perkinson, Kevin McLaughlin, and Linda Sheehey. Also present were Chief S. Lasker, DC D. Roberts and Clerk of the Board Jillian Bogert.

Meeting End Time

Meeting end time was set for 0900 hours by motion of Commissioner Perkinson, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin with all in favor.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

A motion to accept the last meeting's minutes was made by Commissioner Sheehey and seconded by Commissioner Perkinson with all in favor.

A Presentation of Commissions to Deputy Chief David Roberts for his completion of Battalion Chief, Captain Robert Plante for his completion of the probationary period as Captain, and Lieutenant Edwin Webster for his probationary year as Lieutenant were made. Expressions of gratitude and appreciation were given to all members and they were awarded.

Chief's Oral Report

In the last month, the department had faced some significant fires. The Ethan Allen Shopping Center and an apartment bedroom fire took place but luckily due to our quick response they were able to be saved. The bedroom fire was in an apartment building with 7 units. Six of the units were able to re-occupy right away. The Ethan Allen Shopping Center proved to be a more difficult fire, however all but 2 stores were able to be open for business that day. The merchants of the shopping center were happy and impressed with the departments work.

There have been two budget presentations since the last meeting; one in front of the finance board and another in front of the City Council. We will have a level funded budget. Account managers are to still shop around for the best prices before making purchases with this years money.

The department was given approval to hire for one last vacancy in the department. Three recent hires started May 21<sup>st</sup> and the last hire will start on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

E-One has been fantastic about re-painting the trucks at their 10 year mark. Engine 5 went out on May 8<sup>th</sup> for its paint touch up.

The Tower will have its tracking replaced this June at no cost to the department. We have to cover the cost of travel and accommodations for the engineer while working on the apparatus. The Tower will remain out of service for a couple of weeks while the engineer works on it.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Middleton will officially retire from the department.

We continue to work on getting a department Chaplin. We currently have someone interested but they need to go through the necessary steps in order to fulfill this responsibility.

The Vermont City Marathon had one of the busiest years to date. DC David Roberts and Capt. Aaron Collette did a wonderful job at coordinating the staff at this event. There were 50 on course responses compared to the 43 last year. ATV's were borrowed from Colchester to allow members to access the path efficiently. Colchester also helped by stationing a radio trailer near BHS to help boost radio communication throughout the course. This worked well on the non repeated radio channel. This event takes days to prepare for but was overall another successful year.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> the Deputy Chief rotation took place. DC Bruce Bourgeois is back on shift and Deputy Chief David Roberts is the Administration DC.

Further discussion ensued on the budget when Commissioner Perkinson asked a question about replacing equipment long term and how the department might be able to do so.

Engine 7 (the old Engine 6) has been sold and we are currently waiting for payment. We hope to use the money from this sale towards getting a new Car 12. The Fire Marshal would get the current Car 12.

#### Old/New Business

Old Business – The Firehouse Gallery is available for the department to hold an awards lunch or dinner. A date will be decided for September allowing the department to prepare for the event.

Commissioner Saba made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personal matters at 0835 hours with all in favor. Pursuant to Title 1, Section 313, of the Vermont Statutes, upon the affirmative vote a majority of the members present, a motion to go into executive session is carried to discuss matters where general public knowledge would place the Department at a substantial disadvantage. The meeting re-opened at 0840 hours with all in favor

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 0840 by motion of Commissioner Perkinson and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey.