BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
December 10, 2014

The Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 0835 hours in Chief Lasker's Office with Commissioners J. Perkinson, K. McLaughlin , J. Vincent, L. Sheehey present and Commissioner S. Sweeney present at 0841 hours. Also present were Chief S. Lasker, and Administrative Assistant J. Bogert.

Meeting End Time

Meeting end time set for 09:00 hours by motion from Commissioner McLaughlin and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Commissioner Perskinson asked if there were any objections or changes that anyone would like to make to October minutes. With no objections minutes were accepted and submitted.

Chief's Oral Report

- The Paramedic Five (5) year plan is complete. The Mayor will receive it and copies will be provided to the Commission.
- Union negotiations started again . Topics such as pay, benefits and retirement are on the agenda for today's meeting.
- Capital Improvement Projects are complete. This included the new heating and cooling systems at the stations which now can be monitored by an app. When asked if these improvements addressed the water issue in the basement it was noted that it had.
- The 911 call service experienced outages on November 28th. The Burlington Police Department along with UVM PD had a working land line for direct contact. All emergency agencies notified the public of the working land line via social media such as Twitter and Facebook. Engine Company's made in person notifications to high call locations such as retirement homes. All incidents were responded to during this outage.
- Captain Gary Francis is retiring with just under 25 years of service to the Fire Department. A position will be vacant come the new year.
- The Shelburne Museum has given the Fire Department the old Fire Cart "Boxer." from 1858. This is the first piece of historic fire apparatus that the city has purchased. We hope to feature this piece during the 150 year celebration once it's restored.

Commission Perkinson stated he recently attended a Continued Legal Seminar on open meeting laws (VOML). He noted that for the Fire Commission, when participating by phone, members must vote based on roll call for such matters. It was also stated that Commissioner Perkinson will pursue a request to the City for more professional practices and stronger guidelines of commission procedures/business. He expects to move forward with this improvement.

Commission Presentation

The Commissioners along with Chief Lasker presented an award to Captain Libby for one year in his rank. An expression of gratitude and appreciation was given and they were awarded. Additional Fire Department members joined the Commission Meeting during this time.

Old or New Business

New - A schedule for 2015 BFD Commission meetings will be drafted by Commissioner Perkinson for review at the scheduled January 27th meeting in the Chief's Office at 8:30am.

Executive Session

None at this time.

Open Session

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 0855 hours by motion of Commissioner Sweeney and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey.