

Board of Fire Engineers
Town of Dover Fire Department

Minutes

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Dover Fire Station
One Walpole Street
Dover, Ma. 02030

Attendees: Engineers Carlton J. Sherman, Ford Spalding & John Sugden
Chief John M. Hughes III & Deputy Chief David Tiberi

Also Present: Peter Smith (Warrant Committee), Dickson Smith (Capital Budget Committee),
Lt. Craig Hughes

The Board of Fire Engineers held its monthly meeting in the Fire Department Chiefs office at 5:45 PM.

The Board congratulated and commended Lt. Craig Hughes for his command of Department personnel at the recent house fire at 17 Haven Terrace, Dover. The Board also congratulated the Fire Department personnel as they professionally carried out their fire fighting duties at the fire.

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes of September 2, 2008.

The Board reviewed and approved the Department expenditures for the month of September 2008.

The Board reviewed with Peter Smith (Warrant Committee) the Departments efforts to obtain grant funding for Department requests:

We received a federal grant for \$42,849 and the Town of Dover contributed \$2,550. for a new radio system. We are nearing completion of having the new radio system in service.

We received a federal grant for \$105,203 and the Town of Dover contributed \$13,742 for self contained breathing apparatus gear.

The Deputy Chief noted that during a mini audit last week that we were told no grants would be forthcoming if the Town made budget cuts to the Department.

AMR's use of the station is still in the hands of the lawyers.

The Chief advised that the Capital Budget requests are due on October 17. The Department is requesting \$42,000 to replace the 1999 Command Vehicle and requesting \$8,000 for Scott replacement bottles.

Future year's requests are new sets of Jaws and a replacement ladder truck. The current ladder truck needs some repairs and updates to meet NFPA standards.

Chief Hughes & Deputy Chief Tiberi attended a meeting in Ashland of suburban west communities to discuss the potential of communities sharing equipment. We discussed how this relates to the current mutual aid program.

The Chief thanked the Board for their attendance at the October 5 department open house. The Department was very pleased with the community attendance and the Board commented on the department's personnel pride in the station and equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Ford Spalding, Clerk