

Board of Fire Engineers
Town of Dover Fire Department

Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Dover Fire Station
One Walpole Street
Dover, MA 02030

Attendees: Engineers Carlton J. Sherman, John Sugden & Ford Spalding
Chief John M. Hughes, III & Deputy Chief David Tiberi
Also Present: Richard Tiberi & Peter Smith (Warrant Committee)

The Board of Fire Engineers held a special meeting in the Fire Department Chiefs office starting at 5:45PM.

The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes of March 3, 2009.

Peter Smith reviewed with the Board the Warrant Committee's intent of recommending to the Town Meeting a decrease in Department percentage increase in compensation from 4.1% to 3.2%. The 4.1% was the recommendation of the towns Personnel Committee. The reasons given were to reduce the overall Town's operating costs related to non-union employees. The Board and Officers expressed their strong opposition to the Warrant Committees decision. The Board supports the Selectmen's intent to challenge that decision on the Town Meeting floor.

Pete Sherman expressed concern that the Police dispatch their personnel prior to sending out a tone to the Fire Department in the case of an incident. Time is essential when an incident occurs and delaying sending notification to the Department may be critical in protecting lives and property. Chief Hughes will discuss this situation with Police Chief Griffin.

The meeting was adjourned 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ford Spalding, Clerk

