



## **NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

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### Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – October 5, 2022

Centennial Hotel, Pleasant Street, Concord, NH

Called to order by Chief Best at 0849 hours

Present: Chiefs, Best, Emanuel, Carrier, Hunter, Thomas, Sitar, Watkins, Chamberlain, McQuillen, R. Buxton and Executive Director Lemire.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** A MOTION (S. Buxton/Sitar) to approve the minutes from the September meeting carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** September reports have been posted. A MOTION (McQuillen/S. Buxton) to approve them carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** n/a

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Best)**

- Discussion on succession of NHAFC Board positions. He described the informal meeting he had with the officers where the By-laws were discussed and the proposal. Due to Chief Beattie's resignation, a MOTION (Sitar/Thomas) to move all of the officers up and to fill the vacant Sgt. at Arms position, carried unanimously. The board will fill the Sgt. at Arms at the next meeting.
- Discussion on NHAFC committee vacancies. For the Governor's PTSD committee. Chief Sitar nominated Dep. Chief William Atkinson (seconded by Chief Emanuel) to the committee. The board concurred unanimously.
- Chief Emanuel will be running the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be working on questions for the candidates.
- There is an intention to hold another Behavioral Health Seminar at the Academy. The working group will meet soon and he will be attending.

#### **Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)**

- Next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 2 and will be virtual.
- This month's meeting will be at the NHIOP on the 13<sup>th</sup> and will feature a Candidate's Forum.
- The November meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the NHFA on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

- In December, we will be in Jaffrey for a dinner meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report (Emanuel) –**

- He reiterated Adam's report that was submitted earlier this week.

**Sgt. At Arms Report (Watkins) – n/r**

**New Business:**

**Old Business:** Chief Thomas spoke of the HazMat conference and that it was very successful. There was a slight surplus that they will use to sponsor two more sessions in other locations.

**NEDAFC – IAFC – (Buxton) –**

**Good and Welfare:** Kirk (Life Membership)?

- Chief Buxton spoke of the Food Truck code enforcement issue. They enforced it at their festival and ran into resistance, most likely because of ignorance of the new law governing inspections.

**Upcoming Events:** The October regular meeting will be held the 13<sup>th</sup> at the NH Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College in Manchester/Goffstown.

**Meeting adjourned at 1008 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Brent T. Lemire, MPA  
Executive Director  
NH Association of Fire Chiefs

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