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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – March 6, 2024

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Called to order by Chief Emanuel at 0833 hours

Members present: Chiefs Emanuel, Watkins, Hunter, Chamberlain, Thomas, Murray, Jones, Fraitzl, LaRoche and ED Lemire.

Minutes of previous meeting: Distributed and posted for meeting. A MOTION (Thomas/Fraitzl) to accept carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Distributed via email. The approval to approve tabled until next month due to balance questions.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: n/a

Government Relations – (Schmidt) –

Report of the President (Emanuel)

- He reported that Marshal Toomey was reappointed by the Governor and Council.
- They also discussed several bills filed on Code changes. Marshal Toomey is asking for support as they go through the process.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- Next week's meeting will be at Alan's of Boscawen and feature corned beef and cabbage. Commissioner Quinn and Asst. Comm. Lavoie will attend and give us an update.
- Our next BOD meeting will be at Primex in Concord on April 3 in the Brookside Room. THE MAIN ENTRANCE IS NOW OPEN AGAIN.
- We have booked space for the April Annual Meeting. The Common Man in Plymouth has the space needed for the seminar, vendor showcase, meeting and dinner on April 11. To date, we have 19 vendors signed up and enough

sponsorship to almost pay for expenses. Former Boston Fire Commissioner Joe Finn and Dr. Nicole Sawyer will be our seminar presenters.

- Our May BOD meeting will have to be on the 8th and virtual as we'll be in DC on the 1st.
- For May, we will partner again with Primex for our meeting during their annual conference. Our meeting will be at 3:00 pm on May 16 in the Warner Room of the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel.
- The June 13 meeting will be virtual and held at 4:00 as to accommodate some of our part-time members.
- The July 11 meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the NHFA. The vendor has lowered their prices so we're back to \$16.00.
- On August 8, we'll join our North Country brethren at the Town and Country in Gorham (Shelburne) where we'll have a seminar being developed by the Professional Development Committee.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$3700.00, Vendor: \$2590.00, Assn: \$1110.00.

1st Vice President's Report (Watkins) –

- He has been working with Adam on legislation and referred to the last report by Adam.

2nd Vice President's Report (Hunter) –

- He thanked the group for allowing him to serve on the legislative committee and shared his feelings on our participation at the hearings for important legislation. Discussion ensued as to our attendance.

Sgt. At Arms Report (Chamberlain) – n/r

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –

- Chief Murray reported that the NE President will be at our Annual Meeting and they are creating a whole new website for the states. He mentioned that at this year's conference, Chief Jones will be sworn in as NE President.

New Business:

- Request from NE Fire Chiefs for \$500 donation to support Chief Steve Locke's candidacy for 2nd VP of the IAFC. He will be attending our Annual Meeting. A MOTION (Thomas/Watkins) to support the request, carried 5-1-0.
- Request from ED for input on a proposal for a November weekend at Waterville Valley. Members supported the concept and urged we move forward.
- Request from Chief Thomas to act on a MOTION *“Move that the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs accept the Terms of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant as presented in the amount of \$23500.00 for Hazmat Training. The NHAFC acknowledges the total cost of \$29375.00 in which the NHAFC is responsible for \$5875.00 a 20% match. Also to authorize President David Emanuel, Treasurer Stephen Carrier,*

and BOD Member Henry Thomas Jr to sign all documents concerning the Grant.” (Thomas/Hunter). Motion carried unanimously.

- Chief Thomas also spoke on the 2024 HazMat conference is on April 17 and 18, 2024, He also shared the subjects of the conference and the parts of the agenda that’s finalized. He asked Shawn about setting up a sign-up system in our program.
- Review the FY 2025 budget. Members were asked to review the worksheet and submit questions to the Executive Director for disposition before the April Board meeting.

Old Business:

Good and Welfare –

Upcoming Events –

- Board Meeting – March 6, 2024 – Virtual
- Regular Meeting – March 14, 2024 – Alan’s of Boscawen
- Board Meeting – April 3, 2024 – Primex
- Annual Meeting/Vendor Showcase/Seminar – April 11, 2024 at the Common Man complex in Plymouth, NH
- Board Meeting – May 8, 2024 - Virtual
- Regular Meeting – May 16, 2024 – Warner Room at Sheraton in Portsmouth
- Board Meeting – June 5, 2024 – TBD (Most likely Primex)
- Regular Meeting – June 13, 2024 - Virtual

Motion to adjourn carried at 1003 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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