



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

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### Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – May 4, 2022

Centennial Hotel, Pleasant Street, Concord, NH

Called to order by Chief Beattie at 0856 hours

Present: Chiefs Beattie, Best, Emanuel, Carrier, Hunter, Thomas, McQuillen, Chamberlain, Steve Buxton, Sitar, Buxton and Executive Director Lemire and our Government Relations specialist, Adam Schmidt.

Members introduced themselves and Adam spoke on his activities and the current status of bills and the process ongoing in the Legislature.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion (Best/Sitar) to approve the minutes from the April 13 meeting carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** April reports have been submitted and will be voted on at the May meeting.

**Correspondence:** n/a

#### **President's Report: (Beattie)**

- He spoke of the need to fill Manufactured Housing Installation Board. Marshal Toomey was to look into it and possibly suggest a candidate.
- Review Roles and Responsibilities for BOD will be at the May membership meeting.
- Recruitment and Retention Committee continues to meet weekly
- I have invited Senator Prentiss to a membership meeting, awaiting her reply
- Fortitude Program (IAFF) looking to give presentation at membership meeting, nothing scheduled
- Chief Thomas needs reappointment to the E911 Commission. A **MOTION** (Sitar/Emanuel) to recommend his reappointment, carried unanimously.
- NHFA Recruitment and Retention Coordinator position reposted. Two interviews being conducted this week

- He and ED Lemire will be attending the Seacoast Chief's Association meeting Thursday 5/5
- We need to investigate issue of NH Fire Service license plates and what happens if a member is no longer affiliated with a department

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

- Next board meeting will be virtual on June 1.
- This month's meeting May 12 at the Mt. Washington.
- June will be in Brookline, hosted by Chief Corey on the 9th.
- July meeting will be at the Atlantic Grill in Rye on the 14th.
- August meeting will be at the Town and Country Inn in Gorham on the 11th.
- We are looking at a breakfast meeting at LRCC in September.
- We are hoping to have a Candidates' Forum at the Institute of Politics in October. I am meeting with them next Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Obviously our November weekend plans have changed.
- We need to appoint a representative to the Committee of Merit. We have six individuals interested. A **MOTION** (Sitar/Buxton) to nominate Deputy Chief Tim Joubert from Tilton/Northfield carried unanimously.

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

- No report

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

- He welcomed to new members and looks forward to working with everyone.
- He is looking forward to welcoming the NHAFC members tomorrow night at the Seacoast Chiefs' roundtable in Newington.
- The state automobile association reached out to him about how to find funding for training to deal with electric vehicles and lithium batteries. Chief Thomas thinks the HazMat conference in September will have training on that subject.

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

#### **New Business:**

Chief Beattie will go over the board responsibilities at the May meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

Chief Rob Buxton reminded everyone of the mental health conference at the Academy June 8. He urged everyone to attend as the subject matter will include issues of PTSD and Workers' Comp. Seating will be limited.

He also mentioned that the Souhegan Mutual Aid members are concerned about class availability in their area. He suggested that we reach out and possibly CREF some classes with certified instructors.

**NEDAFC – IAFC – (Buxton) –**

**Good and Welfare:**

The golf tournament will be held August 8, 2022 in Tilton at Lochmere CC.

Chief Best presented the newest edition of our ad book as recently printed. He is researching the best way to distribute them.

**Upcoming Events:** The monthly meeting will be held the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mt. Washington.

**Meeting adjourned at 1019 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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