



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

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### Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – December 1, 2021

#### Virtual via “Go To Meeting”

Called to order by Chief Sitar at 0835 hours

Present: Chiefs Sitar, Beattie, Emanuel, Rhodes, Thomas, Carrier and Executive Director Lemire.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion (Rhodes/Beattie) to approve the minutes from the November 3 meeting carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** Chief Carrier presented the November Balance Sheet. A MOTION (Best/Emanuel) to accept the report, carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** A thank you note from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for a donation of proceeds from the CO Safety Seminar.

#### **President’s Report: (Sitar)**

- Director Cutting notified me that the grant to make improvements to the North Country Fire Academy was approved by G&C. The improvements will be substantial but will take some time to complete.
- I attended the New Hampshire Crisis Standards of Care meeting where we reviewed the draft of the new plan. The plan needs to be updated to conform with Federal requirements. The draft is in the process of being amended after comments from the meeting. Our next meeting is in January.
- I served on the interview panel for District Chief in the State Fire Marshal’s Office.
- I attended a meeting of the Management Group of the State Interoperability Executive Committee where AT&T Firstnet made the statement that AT&T now has the same amount of coverage in New Hampshire as Verizon. Areas of strength and weaknesses may not be the same.
- We have transitioned the duties of the Treasurer to Chief Carrier. Chief Carrier is also to take over the fundraiser checkbook from Chief Parisi which should happen shortly.

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

- The December and January meetings of the Association will be virtual. We will address February in early January.
- BOD meeting January 5, 2022 will also be virtual as we monitor the progression of the virus.
- I am working with Primex and the Mt. Washington Hotel on our cooperative May meeting.
- June will be in Brookline, hosted by Chief Corey.
- I am also working with Nick at LRCC on a breakfast meeting.
- I sent a card of condolence to Bud Nelson from the Association on the loss of his wife.
- The November weekend seemed to be productive even though the attendance was low. We will assess the prospect of repeating it.
- I am ambivalent about doing a Vendor Showcase again in April with our Annual Meeting. Maybe we should take a break and just have the Annual Meeting at a restaurant centralized?

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

- He along with Chief Buxton, spoke at the Primex Collaborative Leadership (Police and Fire) in Meredith
- He spoke of HB 1222 – limiting the power of Health Officers. He will be looking into the ramifications of passage.

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

- Adam Schmidt was on the call and he deferred to him for a report. He stated that not much action has taken place due to the holiday. He will schedule a time for our members to review the bills that have been filed and flagged. He described the upcoming meetings with various groups.

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

### **Marshal Toomey – n/r**

**New Business:** Marshal Toomey reported on open position on the Board of Fire Control for a municipal fire chief. There is also an opening manufacturing rep that he is working on.

He also spoke of the swiftwater program grant funding requests from swiftwater groups. They seem frustrated that there is no support for them. A discussion ensued as to how they were formed and how they were supposed to be funded.

He also spoke of the foam take-back program and that some would like the mutual aid districts to be repositories. The problem with that is disposal. DES is not participating beyond 2023.

Also, there seems to be another push to enforce the residential fire code in one and two family dwellings. He wants to move carefully on that as the building officials are against it.

**Old Business:**

- Chief Emanuel asked if we were going to recognize Chief Christopoulos. ED Lemire will take care of it.

**IAFC – (Christopoulos) – n/a**

**NEDAFIC – IAFC – (Jones) –**

- The met last month and are focusing on the conference in June in Worcester. It will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Good and Welfare:**

**Upcoming Events:** The monthly meeting will be held virtually at 0900 hours  
December 9, 2021

**Meeting adjourned at 0955 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Executive Director  
NH Association of Fire Chiefs

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