



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

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### Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – August 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chief Emanuel at 0836 hours Virtually.

**Members present:** Chiefs Emanuel, Watkins, Hunter, Chamberlain, Carrier, LaRoche, Buxton, Murray, Jones and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Distributed for meeting. A MOTION (Buxton/Chamberlain) to accept the July meeting minutes carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** Distributed via email. A MOTION (LaRoche/Buxton) to approve the July financials carried unanimously.

He will be working on getting Chief Thomas information for the Audit Committee.

#### **Correspondence:**

#### **Life Membership:**

#### **Report of the President (Emanuel)**

- He will be attending FRI next week in Dallas.
- He spent last week with the Boy Scouts on the Allagash River. Great trip!

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

- 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.
- August 12 will be the Golf Tournament at Lochmere in Tilton.
- September BOD – it was decided to meet at 0800 hours on Thursday, September 12 virtually.
- September 12 monthly meeting will be virtual at 0900 hours.
- October 2 BOD meeting will be at Primex and the October 10 meeting will be at the NHFA for breakfast.

- **SAVE THE DATES:** November 15-17 for Professional Enhancement Weekend at Waterville Valley. Chief Lemire will be getting packets of information out to the membership in September.
- Our application for 501 c3 has been submitted to the IRS. I received a package back with several questions and a paragraph we had to insert into our Incorporation package at the state. I've replied and submitted the change and sent the package back via FedEx yesterday to meet the August 15 deadline.
- I've notified the NVFC of the two new representatives.
- The Commissioner has appointed Asst. Chief Pouliot (Nashua) to the Building Code Review Board.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$29,200; Vendor: \$20,440; Assn: \$8,760.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Watkins) – No report**

**Government Relations: (Schmidt)**

- He asked about the bill changing Group II information and how we should distribute it.
- He asked about our support for the bill concerning PFAS in turnout gear. Chief Hunter feels that we should take the lead and get the information out to as many members as possible.
- Next month he should have at least the bill numbers for the upcoming session.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report – (Hunter) – No report**

**Sgt. At Arms Report – (Chamberlain) – No report**

**IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –**

- The planning for the conference is moving forward nicely.
- They are happy with the professional development offerings this year.
- They will be attending FRI in Dallas next week.

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

- Chief Carrier spoke of the progress in planning for the Golf Tournament.

**Good and Welfare –**

- Chief Emanuel reported that the Seacoast Chiefs Executive Director Plummer is retiring and Chief Steve Benotti (formerly of Hampton) will take over.
- He also mentioned that the US Fire Administrator's Summit on Fire Prevention and Control will convene October 7-9 at the National Fire Academy.
- Chief Buxton reported that set up work for the Committee on Cancer Screening is progressing.

- Chief Emanuel reported that the Council on Electric Vehicles and Lithium Batteries met and broke into several committees to work on issues. Next meeting will be August 21.
- Chief Buxton also reported that the Mental Health working group reported that the Seminars will be January 7 and 8, 2025 at the NHFA.

Motion to adjourn carried at 0920 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent T. Lemire, MPA  
Executive Director

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