

NH Fire Prevention Society

May 24, 2016

NHFA classroom 1

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- Call to Order: 9:32
- Roll Call

Steve Gallaher \_\_X\_\_      Carl Roediger \_\_E\_\_      Ed White \_\_X\_\_      Helen Burke \_\_X\_\_  
Rick Wood \_\_\_\_\_      Mitch Cady \_\_E\_\_      Scott Hunter \_\_\_\_\_      Brian Johnson \_\_X\_\_  
Peter Cutrer \_\_\_\_\_      Peter Lennon \_\_\_\_\_      Jeffrey Emanuelson \_\_\_\_\_      Sean Toomey \_\_X\_\_  
Sheryl Nielsen \_\_\_\_\_

- Approval Of previous Meeting Minutes:  
Corrections:

11/02/2015 Minutes as read are approved with no changes.

- Committee Reports:

Secretary Report:

No report at this time.

1st Vice President Report:

No report at time of meeting. A report was sent in during the meeting and will be attached at the end. Carl and Steve worked hard on the burn cells. The presentation went well. It proved how important sprinklers. They will be available for anyone to use but a Prevention society member must sponsor the event. There will be a check list of what will need to be done before and after they are returned. Steve wants to take the cells Cheshire, Rockingham and Hopkinton county Fair. NHFPS has received a grant for \$4500.00 For trailers to move the cells. Steve would like a 20 foot trailer that might be a box container. If anyone knows of some please let Steve know.

2nd Vice President Report:

Treasurer Report and NHBOA :

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No treasurer report given. No treasurer report sent in to secretary. Per Steve we made a little money. Amount unknown. Cornerstone has been working hard and there bills are coming in. cornerstone bills is from may for \$2308.77.invoice # 205011

Training and IAAI Liaison:

No report at this time. (per email) the next Courtroom Testimony Class will be sometime next spring due to Mitch's other commitments.

Membership:

No report at this time. (Steve) Pins and membership certificates will be mailed out to 2016 paid members.

Communications:

Brian is working with face book to try to have more control over our site. There will be more mass mailing sent out when new information is posted and not waiting to mail out. Steve commends Brian for all his good work.

NFPA and ICC:

NFPA: Peter is now working for NFPA ( Good Job) so there may be a change in the way the classes are offered. There is a new head of NFPA the direction is changing a little bit. There may not anymore any more plans examiner class it's being taught be certain people. Instead we may hold the ICC plans examiners course. Also may hold a Inspector 2 class and PLEX course. More to come.

ICC: We received our plaque and welcoming letter for becoming a chapter. This plaque will be at cornerstone. With ICC we have a 1 full day training or (2) 4 hours training sections any ideas of training anyone wants please contact Peter Or Helen.

Commission Rep and Committee Merit:

Peter has asked via email for vote and approval for \$500.00 for the committee of merit. Members and board would like to know who won in the past, how they are nominated, ect. Approved

Legislative Updates:

Jeff report to follow.

Code Review Board update:

Sean to send overview. Report attached at the end. 101 is a go , 1 is tabled at this time. Sprinklers in the basement was tabled. 2015 codes also tabled with a few options. Energy codes are held up there are changing them more. Most of the issues are with the wording of things.

Fire Life Safety Education and Fire Marshals Update:

No report at this time . members and board has asked for more information from the Marshal's office. Board members would like more information about projects sponsored by NHFPS before the last minute. And all board members would like to be notified that were present.

President Report:

No correspondence. Steve went to the IAAI President Lunch on. There is no real benefit to become a super chapter. There needs to be at least 25 members for a super chapter to be established. Steve meet with ME and MA chapter presidents Possible joint trainings and brainstorming. Steve needs a synopsis of what each board member has done threw out the year to send to National.

- Old Business:

Online store: Right now the biggest hold up is the graphics for our logo.

Steve brought up changes to the Membership titles and dues:

1. The dues will change from \$12.00 to \$25.00 for a year fir active members. Ed moved it for decision. Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup>. The members made the decision to raise the dues to \$25.00 . Motion passed. (Note: Bylaws require board to vote before it goes to membership. Article VII Section 1).

- New Business:

Steve steps down as head of meeting to 2<sup>nd</sup> President for decision of membership definitions: Proposed by law changes:

-Life Time Membership: will consist of Investigation and or Prevention, Inspections, Education. The nominated member name will be forwarded to the board for approval. The member will be charged no dues, will receive a plaque, shirt and Certificate of Recognition Motion made by Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Motion passed

-Student Membership: Any one currently enrolled in a post 2<sup>nd</sup> education. Anyone to support fire Prevention. Must be a full time established student. No Dues Motion by Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> by brain Motion passed

-General membership: open to anyone involved in prevention, inspection, Education, Investigation. They do not have to be a NH resident to become a member. Motion made by Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brain and passed.

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Bylaw changes motion to post at annual meeting and vote on changes at Januarys meeting

- Adjournment: \_1050  
Respectfully submitted By Helen Burke

The NH Fire Sprinkler Coalition (NHFSC) is still growing in the State. More information and outreach is going to be needed to get more involved spreading the message about residential fire sprinklers. To that end, the NHFPS constructed a pair of burn cells to be used for side by side demonstrations highlighting the benefit of sprinklers. During the spring training conference hosted by the Eastern States Building Officials Association, classroom training on NFPA 13 and its tie to the IBC, IRC, and IFC was reinforced with a side by side burn which by all accounts was very successful and clearly showed the benefit of a residential sprinkler system in suppressing a fire to allow for escape. Thanks go out to the NFPA and National Fire Sprinkler Association for providing funding needed to facilitate the demonstration.

This means that the NHFPS now has burn cells available for fire departments who wish to host side by side sprinkler demonstrations in their communities. While the exact details are still being fleshed out as to the level of support required from the host agencies, we should be able to bring these demonstrations to areas around the state. When these demos begin in earnest, there will be a need for more NHFPS and NHFSC involvement so that the same folks aren't being tasked to spread our message.

Once again, the elimination of residential sprinkler guidance in the IRC is being brought to a vote. If you are a member of the ICC or your organization is a governmental member of the ICC, **YOU NEED TO VOTE – NOW**. Voting is currently in progress and will closed on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Help preserve the inclusion of fire sprinklers in the IRC. Use the attached PDF file for step by step instructions for the voting process.

The next meeting of the NH Fire Sprinkler Coalition is scheduled for June 13, 2016 at the NH Fire Academy starting at 9:30 am. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend and get involved!

**Carl F. Roediger, IAAI-CFI, CFPS**

Deputy Fire Chief

Portsmouth Fire Department

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