



MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT 7

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District 7 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes February 25, 2021 2:00 pm Zoom Meeting

Present: Chairman: Chief M. Belsito, Vice-Chairman Chief R. Parsons, Treasurer: Chief W. Kessler, Secretary: Chief R. Hamilton; Chief B. Hickey, Chief P. Normandin, Chief M. DiFronzo, Chief M. Lavoie, Chief K. Vinson, Chief T. Dion

Fire Investigation Unit: Chairman Belsito reported he had received some calls regarding the FIU Twitter and Facebook accounts. As far as he knows those had not been authorized by the District. Chief Kessler felt the team was started to assist the State Fire Marshal's office but has now taken off. He feels there are legal implications involved that need to be addressed. Chief Hamilton was concerned that the fire causes were released and thought maybe the team should go back to its charge. Chief DiFronzo asked about the team's organization. Chief Parsons will send the team SOG out to the Board of Directors. The patches were also discussed and put on hold. He also explained the workings of the team right now. He stated the Marshal's office is shorthanded and appreciates the help.

Motion: Chief Kessler seconded by Chief DiFronzo to shut down the Facebook and Twitter accounts of the FIU temporarily: Unanimous. Chief Vinson felt a lot of it is a duplication of efforts with the Fire Marshal's office. A meeting will be set up with the Board of Directors and Bob Silver to discuss this. The discussion on the patch and vehicle were put on hold.

FCAM Call/ Volunteer Committee: Chairman Belsito brought up for discussion the opening for a call/volunteer chief for FCAM. He had three chiefs call with interest; Larry McDonald, Bob Parsons and Mark DiFronzo. He planned to bring it to the body for a vote tonight. He had no preference but added Chief McDonald was the D10 representative when he was in Monson. Chief DiFronzo offered to drop his name, he only offered because there was no one stepping up and FCAM kept announcing a vacancy.

Unforeseen Business: Chief Kessler gave an update on the district trainings, the Fire Instructor class and the Fire Officer Class. He received a call this morning and was able to modify the Fire Officer class to include the practical portion for the certification. He felt it was a good thing to include. This will add 10 hours of project work that they will do on their own time. The class schedule will remain the same. They will have to take the written exam at a later time.

Unforeseen Business: Chief Normandin explained a situation in Southbridge. The roof failed in the radio storage area and the radios got wet. As of right now they are still working. He has filed an insurance claim for them. The county radio does have a backup.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Hickey and seconded by Chief Parsons: Unanimous

Adjourned 14:35