



# TOWN OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## *Annual Meeting Minutes*

January 30, 2012

The Annual meeting of the Town of Vernon Fire Department was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chief, William Call.

### *Annual Reports:*

- The HSO and Ambulance Reports have been received. All reports will be compiled/distributed at a later date.

### *Election of Committee Members:*

- Board of Firefighters: Representatives from each company in Stations 2, 4, 6 and Fire Police were named:
  - ET-241 - Pete Orlowski
  - ET-441 - Larry Carter
  - E-441 - Matt Perreira
  - R-441 - Jim Christianson
  - T-541 - Warren Boulette
  - Fire Police - Tim Fluckiger

Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Johnston) to accept the Board of Firefighters for the 2012-2013 term.

- Uniform Committee: Members of for the upcoming year are: Brian Johnston, Dan Robertson, Tim Moore, Sue Plosaj, Jim Christianson, Mary Males, James Robinson, and Jason Hahn. Cory Lafontaine also volunteered for the committee. Rob Talty was removed.

Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Opdenbrouw) to accept the Uniform Committee as noted. Motion carried.

- Awards Committee: The current committee consists of Mary Males, Jason Hahn, Dan Morse, Dave Maguda, Jeff Schambach, Jon Lucas, Mike Colt, Jeff Bifolck and Jean Gauthier. Motion was made/seconded (Christianson/Lavoie) to accept the Committee as noted. Motion carried.

***Election of Special Members:***

Chaplain - Motion was made/seconded (Johnston/Christianson) for **Tom Walsh** to continue as Department Chaplain. Motion carried.

Photographer – Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Lavoie) for **Pat Dooley** and **Charlie Konarski** to remain as department photographers. Motion carried.

Junior Advisor - Motion was made/seconded (Colt/Jackson) for **Jon Andresen** to continue as Senior Advisor or the Junior Program. Motion carried.

Other volunteers to assist with the Junior Program are: Mike Colt, Sandy Manseau, Dave Goric, Michelle Kerr, Linda Lucas.

Secretary - Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Johnston) for **Diane Carpenter** to continue as Department Secretary. Motion carried.

Motion was made/seconded (Lavoie/Christianson) to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter, Secretary



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The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chief, William Call. Motion was made seconded (Lavoie/Jackson) to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2011 meeting. Due to inclement weather conditions, the August and November, 2011 meetings were cancelled.

***Training Report:*** None

***Administration Report:*** None

***Health & Safety Report:*** None

***Uniform Committee Report:***

- Brian Johnston reported that approximately 15 members were fitted in 2011. Hardware for Captains/Lieutenants has been upgraded. The town requires that future uniform orders go out to quote. Three bids are needed and should be in soon. The uniform specs will be emailed for inclusion in the Staff Meeting Agenda.

***Board of Firefighters:***

- A meeting has not been held. Prior minutes indicate a meeting to review By-Law changes is in order.

***Old Business:***

- Payroll is now taxed and issued by the Town. An increase of 25% has been requested in the upcoming budget to assist members with the decreased check. Members will be receiving W-2 tax forms.

If there are any address changes for members, it is necessary to inform your Captain in writing of the new address so that the system can be updated and the Town notified.

- New Apparatus pre-build with Pierce is ready to go for R-141. Pumper re-build activity is underway. Aluminum tanks are being pursued to reduce erosion damage. A delivery date of 7-1-12 of new apparatus is anticipated.
- Due to the corrosive chemicals used on town roads during snow storms, the Chief has requested that all apparatus be rinsed (especially undercarriage) following calls.

***New Business:***

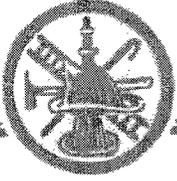
- Reflective sticks have been mounted by Public Works to most hydrants in town. The private hydrants need to be completed.
- Aaron Nash and others have geo-coded all hydrants.
- Knox box list and the new Cardio Express alarm panel were discussed.
- Three lock boxes have been ordered for an ambulance, ET-541 and E-441.
- 2 year plan was submitted to Mayor Apel. Training, Equipment, and SCBA were the largest requests. FEMA denied the breathing apparatus grant. Each SCBA costs approx. \$5,500 to replace.
- We are now a member of the National Volunteer Council.

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Lavoie) to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter, Secretary



## VERNON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

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### ***BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING***

January 30, 2012

Present: Andresen, R. Bowman, Call, Carpenter, Galley, Gauthier, Goric, Johnston, Konarski, Steve Landry, Lavoie, Maguda, Muniz, Shepard, Turkington

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President, Robert Turkington.

#### ***Treasurer's Report***

- Dave Galley reported the 2011 Annual Report, and 1st Quarter financials.
- The year-end check book balance was \$5,731; certificate balance was \$3,135. 2011 Expenses were \$11,554; income was \$4,629.
- As of 1/30/12 the check book balance was 5,630. Certificate balance remained unchanged.
- The Toys for Tikes Ameriprise account balance at year end was \$20,850; the checkbook balance was \$2,440.

#### ***Communications & Bills:***

- Thank you cards were received from Dick Bowman, Dick Harding, the Blonstein & Kelley families as well as a recipient from Toys for Tikes.

#### ***Good & Welfare:***

- Dick Bowman discussed wording modifications made to the sickness/wellness policy. The birth/adoption of a child to an active member makes the policy more flexible.

#### ***Toys for Tikes:***

- In 2011 we delivered toys to 450 kids from 213 families.

***Christmas Party:*** No Report

***Annual Banquet:***

- The 2012 Annual Banquet will be hosted by ET-441. It will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Georgina's in Bolton. Social hour will begin at 6:00 with a Buffet Dinner beginning at 7:00. Ticket price is \$28 per person.

The Chief is allocated 12 guest tickets for the event. He is short 3 tickets for this event and asks that the Association provide funding. Dave Goric motioned that we cover the expense this year, but review the policy for next year's Banquet. Steve Lavoie seconded the motion; however by a vote of the Board of Directors the proposal was rejected and not endorsed. It was suggested that future invitations should state that one ticket is provided compliments of the department, any additional tickets are at the expense of guest.

***Bench Committee:***

- Jean Gauthier did not have specific details available regarding the bench. Laurie Galley has the material. The bench was placed last Fall at the Public Safety Complex.

***Old Business:***

- As noted in the Treasurers Report, Association funding is running low. A fundraiser needs to be pursued this year. Captain Goric has information regarding a Macy's coupon event that will be discussed at the regular meeting.

***New Business:*** None

***Upcoming Events:***

- Annual Department Banquet – February 4<sup>th</sup> @ Georgina's.
- ET-541 Mother's Day Weekend Flower Sale – May 11-13<sup>th</sup>
- E-441 Bus Trip to Boston on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***Good & Welfare:*** None

The meeting was adjourned at 7.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary



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### *ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION*

January 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President, Robert Turkington. Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Maguda) to accept the January 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes.

#### *Treasurer's Report:*

- Dave Galley reported the 2011 Annual Report.
- The year-end check book balance was \$5,731; certificate balance was \$3,135. 2011 Expenses were \$11,554; income was \$4,629.
- The Toys for Tikes Ameriprise account balance at year end was \$20,850; the checkbook balance was \$2,440.

#### *Election of the Board of Directors:*

- As stated in the by-laws, each Company Captain or their designee shall represent the Board of Directors. In addition to the Captain, the Fire Chief and Fire Police Coordinator will serve on the Board.

#### *Good & Welfare Committee:*

- Dick Bowman, Craig Bowman, Kevin Bowman, Jeff Bifolck will continue to serve this committee. Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Lavoie) to accept the committee.

#### *Toys for Tikes:*

- Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Fischer) to accept Diane Carpenter as Toy Chairperson. Edgar Jackson volunteered to assist. The motion carried.

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*Election of Officers:*

<i>President</i>	Robert Turkington
<i>Vice President</i>	William Graugard
<i>Secretary</i>	Diane Carpenter
<i>Treasurer</i>	David Galley

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Lavoie) for the Officers to remain in place for 2012.

Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Johnston) to close the Annual Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter, Secretary



## VERNON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

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### ***ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES***

January 30, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President, Robert Turkington. Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Johnston) to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2011 Association Meeting. Due to inclement weather conditions, the August and November, 2011 meetings were cancelled.

#### ***Treasurer's Report:***

- Dave Galley reported the 1st Quarter financials. As of 1/31/12 the check book balance was \$5,631; certificate balance was \$3,135. January Expenses were \$800; income was \$852.
- The Toys Ameriprise account balance as of 1/27/12 was \$21,506; check book is \$2,591.

Motion was made/seconded (Christianson/Johnston) to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

#### ***Communications & Bills:***

- Thank you cards were received from Dick Bowman, Dick Harding, the Blonstein & Kelley families as well as a recipient from Toys for Tikes.

#### ***Good & Welfare:***

- Dick Bowman discussed wording modifications made to the sickness/wellness policy. The birth/adoption of a child to an active member makes the policy more flexible. Captains will receive revised guidelines.

#### ***Toys for Tikes:***

- In 2011 we delivered toys to 450 kids from 213 families.

***Christmas Party:***

- ET-241 Christmas party was a success.
- The 2012 Christmas Party will be hosted by T-541 and will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at The Adams Mill.

***Annual Banquet:***

- The 2012 Annual Banquet will be hosted by ET-441. It has been scheduled for Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at Georgina's. Social hour begins at 6:00. Class A uniform is requested.
- The 2013 Annual Banquet will be hosted by the Ambulance Company.

***Bench Committee:***

- Jean Gauthier reported that the memorial bench for Chief Kelley came in under budget. Thanks were given to Laurie Galley and Scott McDonald for their help. The bench was placed at the Public Safety Complex in the fall.

***Old Business:***

- Discussion was held regarding the serious need for a Fundraiser this year if the Association activities are to continue. A committee was to have been formed, but due to weather conditions and cancellations of meetings, this did not occur. Members discussed ideas of car raffle, placing jugs at businesses to collect donations, the Macy coupon sales where 100% of tickets sold would go to the Association and another town-wide mailing.
- The following members volunteered to be part of the committee to do another mailing.

Brian Johnston, Chairman  
David Galley, Co-Chair  
Dan Robertson  
Jon Lucas  
Matt Perreira  
Jim Christianson  
Riley Tuttle  
Josh Cornieluson  
Tim Moore  
Rich Harrison  
Mike Colt  
Corey Lafountain  
Blake St. John  
Dave Dube  
Michelle Kerr  
Dave Pourier

*New Business:*

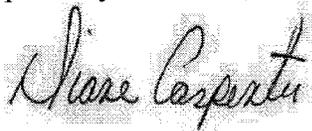
- Dave Galley informed that the CD matures soon. Due to the small returns on the account, he proposes closing the account and moving into the general check book to help with expenses. Motion was made/seconded (Goric/Lavoie) to accept the Treasurers plan to close the Certificate account. Motion carried.

*Upcoming Events:*

- Annual Fire Department Banquet – February 4, 2012
- ET-541 Mother's Day Weekend Flower Sale – May 11-13<sup>th</sup>
- E-441 will be sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to visit a fire museum and Quincy Market. The price is \$35 per person.
- Station 241 will be participating in a Blood Drive on March 29<sup>th</sup> at RGH from 12:45 – 5:45.

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Lavoie) to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter, Secretary