



# TOWN OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## *Annual Meeting Minutes*

March 30, 2015

The Annual meeting of the Town of Vernon Fire Department was called to order at 19:12 p.m. by Chief, William Call.

### *Presentation of Company Captains:*

ET 141 - Jon Andresen  
 R 141- Steve Landry  
 T 141 - Tom McKinney  
 ET 241 - Jon Lucas  
 ET 341 - Ray Tautic  
 E 441 - Dan Robertson  
 ET 441 - Bill Solito  
 R 441 - Tony Muniz  
 T 541 - Dave Maguda  
 ET 541 - Scott Shepard  
 FP - Tim Fluckiger

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**Annual Reports:** Department Annual Reports will be distributed to the membership soon.

**Board of Firefighters Report** - None

### *Election of Committee Members:*

- **Board of Firefighters:** Ron Fischer (ET-141), Larry King (R-141), Warren Boulette (T-141), Zac Antil (ET-341), Kevin Bowman (ET-541) were named for the 2015-2016 term. 2014-2015 Members: Tim Moore (ET-241), Josh Isham (E-441), Clarence Redshaw (ET-441) Pete Orłowski (R-441), Eric Riggott (T-541), Chris Prue (Fire Police), and Clint Marth (Station 641). Motion was made/seconded (Eppler/Dube) to accept the named committee. Motion carried.
- **Uniform Committee:** The following members were nominated for the Uniform Committee: Dave Goric, Tami Hahn, Edgar Jackson, and Dan Robertson. Motion was made/seconded (Shepard/Dube) to fulfill Uniform Committee duties. Motion carried.

- **Awards Committee:** The following members were nominated to serve on the Awards Committee: Jon Lucas, Jeff Bifolck, Jeff Schambach, Jean Gauthier, Mike Colt, Dana Robertson, Mike LeVasseur, and Linda Lukas. Motion was made/seconded (Dube/Fischer) to fulfill duties of the Awards Committee. Motion carried.

***Election of Special Members:***

Chaplain - Adam Colter, Barry Folland  
Photographer - Pat Dooley and Charlie Konarski  
Secretary - Diane Carpenter

Motion was made/seconded (Eppler/Jackson) for Special Members to continue. Motion carried.

Motion was made/seconded (Shepard/Galley) to adjourn the meeting at 19:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary



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## *Department Meeting Minutes*

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The meeting was called to order at 19:25 p.m. by Chief, William Call. Motion was made seconded (Shepard/Galley) to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2014 meeting.

### ***Training Report:***

- Ellington F.D. will be hosting an extrication class on 4/18/15. Five seats are still available. Email A/C Eppler if interested.
- EMT training is underway.
- New Recruit Training class is underway. Introduction with Steve Augustus is being completed.
- Live burn location is being sought.
- Fire Officer Weekend will be held at the End of April. Email confirmations should be received soon.
- DMV is changing Driver training/qualifications. Future test administration is being assigned to the CT Fire Academy to coordinate.
- Email will follow for upcoming Day Drills.

***Administration Report:*** No Report as A/C Landry is sick.

***Health & Safety Report:*** No Report as HSO Hammick is working.

***Board of Firefighters:*** No Report.

### ***Old Business:***

- Walter Hampton reported on the Fire Dept. Advisory Board Activities. Several proposals have been pursued by the Executive Board including Recruit Class training, Company Meetings, and possible in-house training with neighboring towns. Walter has recently stepped down as Chairman and is replaced with Edgar Jackson. Current members are: Zac Antil, Diane Carpenter, Mike Colt, Edgar Jackson, Larry King, Tim Moore, Chris Prue, James Robinson, Matt Thibodeau, Dave Williams. A replacement is needed for Anthony Litwin. The committee has also reviewed and proposed changes to the Christmas Party/Banquet structure. More detail will follow at the Association meeting.

- Chief Call reported that regional meetings are being held with local departments to work on combined training activities within the area. Run cards are being reviewed to include South Windsor for mutual aid. A list of apparatus equipment was requested from Manchester 8<sup>th</sup> Utilities District and South Windsor.

***New Business:***

- Chief Call commended the members for their diligence and hard work given during the recent fires. These incidents occurred during extreme weather conditions and your dedication is truly appreciated. He also stated that only two injuries were reported during these bad conditions.
- A new local paper is being distributed to all residents in town. "Your Community" is a great recruitment tool. Fire Dept. and EMS articles will be published routinely.
- Funding for the 2015 Annual Banquet has been provided by the Town Administration.
- There will be a meeting of the Honor Guard on April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00, Station 541.
- The Henderson Family recently sent the following note:

We wanted to write to you to thank you for the incredible service you provide for the town. The other day we had an incident at our house which was a scary moment for our family. Your staff came promptly and was able to take care of the situation before it got much worse. We cannot thank you enough for saving our home and everything inside of it. Your guys were beyond friendly and we could not have asked for better people to come help us. The world needs more people like the ones you have in your department. Once again from our family to yours, thank you so much for the services you provided to us and provide to this town. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated!

***Good & Welfare:*** None

Motion was made/seconded (LaVasseur/Dube) to adjourn the meeting at 19:49.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary



# VERNON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

P.O. BOX 951  
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## ***BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING***

March 30, 2015

Present: Andresen, R. Bowman, Call, Carpenter, Fisher, Fluckiger, Galley, Lucas, Maguda, Marth, Muniz, Dan Robertson, Schambach, Shepard, Solito, Tautic, Turkington

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 p.m. by President, Robert Turkington.

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

- Final 2014 income/expenses and 2015 Budget were reviewed by David Galley, Treasurer. 2014 income and expenses were even @ \$9,000. This was mainly because of donations received and the comedy show. Total dues paid in 2014 were \$700 from 12 members. The current checkbook balance is \$18,115 (this includes banquet donation). It is recommended that the 2015 Budget remain the same. Dues and a successful Comedy Night are urgently needed to support current spending levels.

Toys for Tikes Ameriprise balance is \$29,103, checkbook \$2,877.

Motion was made/seconded (Maguda/Solito) to accept the Treasurer Reports.

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

- Thank you cards were received from Dick Bowman and the Bifolck families.

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

- Dick Bowman reviewed expenses from 2014 for Good & Welfare activities.

Discussion was held regarding placement of grave flags for deceased members and how currently the activity is conducted by ET-541 for remembrance of their members and a few special members. It is recommended that a committee be created and additional participation from other companies is encouraged to identify other locations of past members.

***Toys for Tikes:*** No report.

### ***Christmas Party:***

- The 2014 party was hosted by E-441. The turnout was smaller than past years. ET-541 is scheduled to host the 2015 party.

***Annual Banquet:***

- The 2015 Banquet will be hosted by ET-241. It has been scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> @ A Villa Louisa. Jon Lucas is hopeful to have a firm number by the end of the evening. The ticket price is currently \$36 per guest. T-541 is scheduled to host the 2016 Banquet.

***Department Picnic:*** No Report

***Comedy Show:***

- Ticket sales are underway for 5/1/15 event. Tickets are \$25 p/person. Flyer is attached.

***Old Business:*** None

***New Business:***

- Reformat of Christmas Party/Annual Banquet was brought up. It will be presented to the membership for further discussion.
- Discussion was held about the recent fundraiser held for Robin Putnam; many commented on its success. The group talked of also making a donation from the Association. Bob reiterated how important it is to help take care of our own. Motion was made/seconded (Andresen/Galley) to donate \$200 for Robin. Motion carried.
- A request was received from Rockville High School for a donation to their Project Graduation Event. Motion was made/seconded Solito/Shepard to send \$100. Motion carried.

***Upcoming Events:***

- Annual Banquet, April 11, 2015 @ A Villa Louisa.
- Comedy Show, May 1<sup>st</sup>, TKB Club @ 7:00 p.m.
- ET-541 Mothers Day Flower Sales – May 8, 9 & 10.

***Good & Welfare:*** None

Motion was made/seconded (Solito/Galley) to adjourn the meeting at 19:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Carpenter, Secretary

# COMEDY NIGHT



**Fri May 1**  
**7:00 pm**  
**TKB Club**  
**1 Vernon Ave**  
**Vernon, CT**

*"Laughter Saves Lives!"*



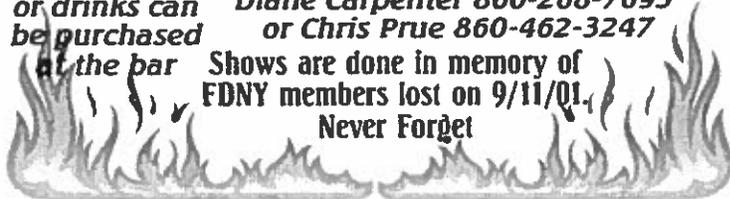
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# VERNON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION INC

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

March 30, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 19:52 p.m. by President, Robert Turkington.

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

- Dave Galley reviewed the Annual Report results. During 2014 Expenses were \$9,099 and income was \$9,087. The 12/31/14 checkbook balance was \$14,451.
- Activity for the 2014 Toys for Tikes event were: Income \$5,227, Expenses \$4,194. The checkbook balance as of 12/31/14 was \$2,777. The Ameriprise Financial balance as of 12/31/14 was \$28,771.

Motion was made/seconded (LeVasseur/Harrison) to accept the Treasurer Reports as submitted.

### ***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, and Cory LaFontaine will continue to serve this committee. Motion was made/seconded (Eppler/Jackson) to accept the existing committee.

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

- Diane Carpenter and Ron Fischer will continue to coordinate Toys for Tikes activities. Motion was made/seconded (Maguda/Galley) to accept the existing committee.

***Charitable Funds Committee:***

- Members of this committee will screen funding requests prior to Quarterly meetings and bring their recommendations to the Board of Directors. Dave Dube, Dave Williams and Eric Riggott have been on the committee. Dave Galley and Anthony Napolitan have also joined. All future requests for funding should be submitted to one of these members with sufficient time for their review prior to a quarterly meeting.

***Christmas Party/Banquet:***

- There has been discussion of realigning the two events into one. The Fire Dept. Advisory Board has also suggested the logistics of this change. There is majority agreement that this should be combined into one Annual Fire Dept. celebration. Combining the events would reduce expenses and hopefully increase member participation. Members would like the event to be held earlier than April (suggested the first or second weekend of March with consideration to avoid St. Patrick's Day activities & hopefully reduce chances of severe snow storms). Dave Galley informed that the Rockville Elks Lodge has volunteered their carriage house for future events without a rental fee. Mike LeVasseur motioned the combination of both events beginning in 2016. The motion passed unanimously. ET-541 will coordinate the event.
- A separate formal Awards Ceremony will be held under the discretion of the Fire Chief for recognition of members and award presentations. This event will be held at a town facility solely for recognition purposes so that family, friends, colleagues and town officials can attend.

***Election of Officers:***

- ***Secretary*** - Diane Carpenter was nominated to continue the office of Secretary.
- ***Treasurer*** - David Galley was nominated to continue the office of Treasurer.
- ***Vice President*** – Cory Lafontaine was nominated to the office of Vice President.
- ***President*** – Robert Turkington was nominated to continue the office of President.

A ballot was cast for the appointment of each Officer. Motion was made/seconded (Eppler/Dube) to accept the officers for the next term. Motion carried.

***Annual Dues:***

- Per Article XII of the VVFA By-laws, Dues are discussed/set at the Annual Meeting. The \$60 annual amount set in 2014 resulted in payments from 12 members. It is hoped that a lower amount will result in a majority of the department to participate. The Treasurer recommends the 2015 dues amount be set at **\$40** annually per member from those who receive a department stipend. Continuation of this Corporation to provide good and welfare services to its members, provide discounted/free events (Annual Celebration, Family Picnic), Little League and Softball team sponsorship and retain insurance coverage for events/officers, as well as continuation of Toys for Tikes under our organization, is imperative for an ongoing funding plan to be supported. Motion was made/seconded (Galley/Robinson) for the Association to set 2015 Dues @ \$40.00 per member. The motion passed unanimously. Please make checks out to the Vernon Volunteer Firefighters Association, P.O. Box 951, Vernon, CT 06066.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:30.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Carpenter".

Diane Carpenter, Secretary



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## *ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES*

March 30, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 20:35 p.m. by President, Robert Turkington. In the interest of time, presentation of prior minutes and standard reports were waived.

### *Comedy Show:*

- The main Department fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00, TKB club. Tickets are \$25 p/person. The advertising flyer is attached. Members are asked to post for the public to see. A sold out event is urgently needed.

### *New Business:*

- A Funding request has been received from Rockville High School to support Project Graduation. At the Board of Directors Meeting it was approved to send a \$100 donation.
- A donation of \$200 was also made to support Robin Putnam in her cancer fight.

### *2015 Banquet:*

- The event will begin at 6:30 on 4/11/15. Class A Uniform is requested. Ticket price for non-members is currently \$36, but will be revisited once final numbers are received.

### *Upcoming Events:*

- Annual Banquet, April 11, 2015.
- Junior Fundraiser @ Sweet Frogs in Manchester, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9:00
- ET-541 Annual Mother's Day Flower Sales, May 8-10.
- Friends of Vernon Ambulance will be hosting a Tastefully Simple party on 5/12/15 from 2-5:00 at the Public Safety Complex...

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Boulette) to adjourn the meeting @ 20:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter, Secretary



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