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## **Town of Seymour**

### **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**1 FIRST STREET, SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT  
06483**

#### **Regular Meeting**

**July 14, 2025**

**7:00 P.M**

**Great Hill Hose**

**Attendees: Pete Sampiere, Christian Miller, Pat Keough, Gary Parkosewich, Matt Calzone**

- 1. Call the meeting to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM**
- 2. Pledge to the flag**
- 3. Public comment: no public comment**
- 4. Chief's meeting minutes- July 2025**

**Gary Parkosewich/Pat Keough made a motion to accept Chief Meeting Minutes dated July 2025  
Vote: 5/0**

**Discussion was had regarding the Chief Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Keough stated that he and Commissioner Parkosewich do not have anything against Chief Edwards and that they are not plotting against him.**

- 5. Chief's report: See attached Chief Report**

**Discussion was had regarding the two driver accidents.**

- 6. Commissioners Meeting Minutes: June 2025 meeting minutes.**

**Christian Miller/Pat Keough made a motion to approve Commissioners meeting minutes dated June 2025. Vote: 5/0**

- 7. Correspondence: See attached correspondence.**

- 8. Financial report: Discussion was had regarding the most recent financial report.**

**Gary Parkosewich/Matt Calzone made a motion to accept the financial report one month. Vote:  
4- Yes, 0- No, 1-Abstain (Christian Miller)**

9. Fire Marshal report Gary Parkosewich/Pat Keough made a motion to accept fire marshal report.  
Vote: 5/0

10. Building maintenance:

Great Hill: No update on the window at Great Hill

Citizens Engine: AC in watch station to be replaced.

Discussion was had regarding the \$1,500 credit noted in the chiefs requisitions for each company to repair watch stations. and that anything above \$1,500 would be the company's responsibility. Discussion was had on who was responsible for the printers, computers and toner.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a) Steward Pay- updated given on steward pay status for each house.

12. New Business

- a) Appointment of new Fire Inspector- Christian Miller/Keough made a motion to appoint Ryan O'Connell as Fire Inspector. Vote: 5/0  
b) Firehouse Cleaning- discussion was had regarding having the town clean the fire houses versus stewards.  
c) Muster Truck Insurance- Insurance cards were given out on Thursday. Captain was told that the muster truck had no value. Discussion was had about getting the truck appraised to get a value on it and then see if the insurance company will match it.  
d) 65/25 request- Christian Miller/Gary Parkosewich made a motion to move George Junko to the 65/25 list. Vote: 5/0

13. Executive Session: none

14. Chief Requisitions: See attached requisitions.

Matt Calzone/Pat Keough made a motion to approve the Chief Requisitions. Vote: 5/0

15. Roundtable Discussion- None

16. Commissioners Comments

Christian Miller: No comment

Pat Keough: No comment

Pete Sampiere: No comment

Matt Calzone: No comment

Gary Parkosewich: No comment

Through the Chair, First Selectwoman Drugonis spoke prior to the meeting being adjourned. She stated that a commissioner had come to her office two weeks ago to request alcohol at a Citizens fundraiser. She stated that if a company wants to have a company fundraiser and people want to bring their own alcohol, that is different because you are not serving it. There have been several occasions where there have been issues at both firehouses with alcohol. In speaking with the Chief and in speaking with Kurt, except for the family outings, when there are things for the fire department to do, she stated that if it starts at 6:00pm, cutoff must be at 9:00pm. There must be set hours. Discussion was had regarding hiring an alcohol trailer with permits and insurance. First Selectwoman stated that she is offering an olive branch in allowing alcohol to be served only between the hours of 6:00-9:00pm to show that the companies have the issue with alcohol under control. Having alcohol available is not for drills, not for fires, not anytime- just for events. Chief Edwards will be notified during a chief's meeting of any upcoming event and there will be dual coverage scheduled if necessary.

17. Adjournment: Matt Calzone/Pat Keough made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Vote: 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Chernesky



## **SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**1 FIRST ST  
SEYMOUR CT. 06483  
(203)-888-1909**

July 14th, 2025

***Christopher M Edwards***  
***Chief of Department***

**Seymour Fire Department  
Chief's Monthly Report – July 2025  
Submitted by: Chief Christopher M. Edwards**

As we reach the halfway point of 2025, the department has responded to **329 calls for service** to date.

### **Personnel Updates:**

- **Three (3) members** are currently **out of service** due to **overdue physicals**.
- **Two (2) members** have been **suspended from driving** following a **motor vehicle accident**.
- **One (1) member** has submitted a request to enter the **65/25 retirement program** this month.

### **Training & Certification:**

- **Two (2) Junior Firefighters** successfully completed the **Introduction to the Fire Service** program at the Connecticut Fire Academy.
- **Four (4) members** have **graduated Firefighter I** and are now **certified**.
- **Two (2) additional members** are currently **enrolled in Firefighter I training**.

### **Policy Enforcement:**

Going forward, we will **strictly enforce all Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs)**, with **no exceptions**. This includes but is not limited to:

- **Administrative SOG 3**
- **Safety SOG 8**

*Great Hill Hose Company*  
170 Botsford Road  
Seymour, Connecticut 06483-2326


July 6, 2025

The Great Hill Hose Company respectfully requests permission to have alcohol on town property (140 Botsford Rd) for the following special Company events:

Company Family Outing	August 24	12 noon till 4 pm
Old Timers Night	September 12	pm till 10 pm
Company Christmas Party	December 16	6 pm till 10 pm

We appreciate your consideration on this matter and please advise if we need to fill out a special event permit for these events. Also if you will need an insurance certificate including the town of Seymour as an insured for each event.

Sincerely,

  
Brandon DosSantos  
President

  
Thomas E. Jimmie  
Vice-President

**HOSE CO.**



**Seymour Fire Marshal's Office**  
**One First Street**  
**Seymour, CT 06483**  
**(203) 881-5010**

**SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE MONTHLY SUMMARY**  
**June 2025**

Building Inspections		
New: 12	Existing: 5	Re-inspections: 10

Investigations			
Structure Fires: 0	Vehicle Fires: 0	Other: 1	Follow up: 0

Training	
Attended: 2	Provided: 0

Miscellaneous:		
Propane Tanks: 0	Blasting Activities: 5	Burn Permits: 4
Plan Reviews: 1	Complaints: 1	Meetings: 16
Follow up: 7	Reports: 2	Oil Tank Removals: 3
Other: 56	Fire Prevention: 0	Fire Lanes: 0

**Major Activities: \*\*\*\*DFM Rockwell has been and will remain on medical leave**

1. Numerous Multi-Family Inspection
2. IAAI- Expert Testimony course for Willis, Edwards, and O'Connell
3. Small fire at 1 Walnut St. Ext.
4. School Graduations
5. Fireworks at SHS

**On-going Projects:**

1. Blasting is On-going
2. Newport Healthcare (Riverview) nearing completion
3. 231-237 Pearl Street (no movement)
4. Comcast Renovations to former Studio (no movement)
5. Willow Daycare at Tri-town nearing completion
6. 67 Diner nearing completion
7. Stop & Shop Renovation beginning

Respectfully,

*Timothy P. Willis*

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Seymour Fire Marshal



**Seymour Fire Marshal's Office  
1 First Street  
Seymour CT, 06483  
(203) 881-5010**

July 10, 2025

Seymour Fire Department  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Attn: Peter Samplere  
1 First Street  
Seymour, CT 06483

**RE: Appointment of Fire Investigator Ryan O'Connell to position of Fire Inspector**

Dear Commissioner Samplere,

I am requesting that the Board of Fire Commissioners officially appoint Ryan O'Connell as a Fire Inspector. Mr. O'Connell has completed his State certification as a Fire Marshal. He has currently been volunteering as a Fire Investigator in the Office. Now that he has completed his training, he is now eligible to be appointed to the Fire Inspector role. This will allow him to complete inspections and enforcement actions without the need of direct supervision while conducting these actions. This appointment will provide additional coverage in our Office and allow for a more timely response in the absence of one of our full-time staff members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or our Office staff at 203 881-5010. As always, you may reach me at [twillis@seymourct.org](mailto:twillis@seymourct.org).

Respectfully,

Timothy P. Willis  
Fire Marshal  
Town of Seymour

CC: Fire Investigator O'Connell

**Seymour Fire Department  
Chief's Requisitions**

#	QTY	Item Description	Vendor	Price	Account Number
1		Turn out Gear	MES	\$41,425.75	615
2		Boots, Gloves, and Hoods	MES	\$7,430.00	615
3		Fire Reporting Software	Micro Business Systems	\$9,000.00	530
4		Juniors Class, Matheson and Smolinsky	CT Fire Academy	\$2,000.00	350
5		Engine 15 repairs	Tracy's	\$697.82	430
6		Utility 20 Repairs	Tracy's	\$2,553.50	430
7		Recruitment Supplies	Positive Promotions	\$1,500.00	350
8		Daddio's Blanket	Daddio's	\$1,000.00	430
9		Watch Station Repairs	Citizens'	\$1,500.00	745
10		Watch Station Repairs	Great Hill	\$1,500.00	745
11		DOT Inspections	Buddie's <i>Tracy's</i>	\$15,000.00	743
12		Gas services	Auto Repairs	\$1,500.00	430
13		Firefighter One Class	Valley Fire School	\$3,750.00	350
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By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above				<b>\$88,857.07</b>	

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Christopher Edwards, Chief of Department

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Quinn Levey, Deputy Chief

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John Oczkowski, Assistant Chief

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David Van Wart, Assistant Chief