



Town of Seymour

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

1 FIRST STREET, SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 9/21/26
TIME: 8:00am
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Regular Meeting
September 14, 2026
7:00 P.M.
Great Hill Hose Co

Attendance: Pat Keough, Christian Miller, Matt Calzone, Paul Wetowicz,

1. Call the meeting to order- meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. Pledge to the flag – All were led in the pledge to the flag
3. Public Comment – No comment
4. Chief's meeting minutes – No meeting
5. Chief's Report:
6. Commissioners' Meeting Minutes: August 2026
Christian Miller/Paul Wetowicz made a motion to approve Commissioner Meeting Minutes dated July 2026. Vote: 4/0
7. Correspondence – none
8. Financial Report: discussion and approval
Discussion was had on the Financial Report. Pat Keough/ Paul Wetowicz made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Vote: 3- yes, 0 – no, 1- abstain (Christian Miller)
9. Fire Marshal's Report: Pat Keough/Christian Miller made a motion to put the Fire Marshal report on file. Vote: 4/0
10. Building Maintenance – Great Hill – Gazebo should be power washed and stained before the end of September. There are loose stair treads, small holes need to be plugged to stop rodents, the fuel gage is getting repaired, and truck drains are slow. Downstairs, due to the overflow of rain from the gutters, the sheetrock is wet. Two contractors looked at it. Working with Tim Conners to try and come up with a plan to demo and repair. This includes the suspended ceiling panels which had rodent issues. Light outside door is out.
Citizens Engine is having drain issues and Tim Conners is aware. Trying to figure out how to address the brick on the tower that is falling apart. No movement on oil tank.
11. Unfinished Business:
12. New Business:
13. Executive Session:
14. Chief Requisitions:

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15. Roundtable Discussion:

16. Commissioner's Comments:

Matt Calzone: No comment

Paul Wetowitz: No comment

Christian Miller: No comment

Pat Keough: No comment

17. Adjournment: Paul Wetowitz/Christian Miller made a motion to adjourn at 7:06pm Vote: 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Chernesky

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SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Christopher M Edwards
Chief of Department

September 14th, 2026

Fire Chief's Report

Apparatus & Equipment

All annual DOT apparatus inspections are currently underway.

Annual hose testing and SCBA flow testing have been completed. Annual ground and aerial ladder testing is scheduled for next month.

All Fire Police radios have been reprogrammed so that the identification displayed corresponds with the correct badge number assigned to each user. This will improve accountability and identification during radio communications.

Department Operations & Staffing

The department continues to maintain a busy call volume, averaging approximately three to five calls per day.

Daytime response continues to present staffing challenges. We continue to monitor response levels and look for ways to improve daytime apparatus staffing while maintaining appropriate response capabilities.

Data Management & Member Availability

Next month, we will be conducting demonstration of new fire department data-management and scheduling software.

The goal is to evaluate a centralized system for department SOGs, directives, forms, records, and other administrative documents. We will also explore the use of a member availability calendar that would allow us to better understand anticipated staffing levels, particularly during daytime hours.

HAAS Alert Safety System

The attached HAAS Alert safety report provides our year-to-date activity.

To date, the system has successfully alerted 16,523 motorists in and around Seymour to the presence of responding fire apparatus. This technology continues to provide an additional layer of safety for our members and the motoring public.

Training

We have several significant training opportunities scheduled.

On September 26, the department will host a large-scale Solar, Electric Vehicle, and Battery Energy Storage Systems training program at Seymour Middle School. This training will provide firefighters and other public-safety personnel with information on the rapidly evolving hazards associated with these technologies.

In October, members will also participate in a Basic Swiftwater training program to continue developing our water-rescue capabilities.

New Apparatus

Seagrave has once again revised the anticipated delivery date for the department's new ladder truck. The current projected delivery has been pushed back to approximately mid-2028.

The department's two new engines remain on schedule, with anticipated delivery in November 2028.

We will continue monitoring the manufacturing schedules and communicating any significant changes.

Upcoming Community Events

The department has two major community events approaching:

- **Pumpkin Festival – September 20, 2026**
- **Seymour Pink 5K – October 3, 2026**

The department continues to remain active operationally while moving forward with training, apparatus replacement, technology improvements, and administrative modernization.

Daytime staffing remains one of our most significant operational challenges and will continue to be an area of focus as we evaluate ways to improve member availability and ensure adequate response capabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher M. Edwards
Fire Chief
Seymour Fire Department



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SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE MONTHLY SUMMARY
August 2026

Building Inspections		
New: 3	Existing: 23	Re-inspections: 14

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

Training	
Attended: 1	Provided: 1

Miscellaneous:		
Propane Tanks: 0	Blasting Activities: 4	Burn Permits: 2
Plan Reviews: 5	Complaints: 5	Meetings: 20
Follow up: 21	Reports: 16	Oil Tank Removals: 15
Other: 7	Fire Prevention: 1	Fire Lanes: 0

Major Activities:

1. Construction Incident at 600 Derby Avenue (Coordination of responsible agencies)
2. Structure fire at 326 Roosevelt Drive
3. School inspections
4. Willow Day Care New location has begun
5. Meetings regarding apartment building at 136 New Haven Road
6. Elevator issue at 26 Smith Street resolved

On-going Projects:

1. 231-237 Pearl Street (work appears to be stopped)
2. 156 South Main Street Fueling Station (tanks are in and building is under renovation)
3. Kerite Fire Alarm Upgrades
4. Construction at Haynes Offices (32 Progress Avenue)

Respectfully,

Timothy P. Willis

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