



# Massachusetts Antique Fire Apparatus Association September 2024 Meeting Minutes



9/9/2024

Location: Haverhill MA Firefighting Museum - 75 Kenoza Ave

Call to order @ 1015

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence for departed members

Museum President, retired Haverhill firefighter James Graham gave an overview of the museum and its history. Open every Saturday and also by appointment during the warmer months (closed in winter)

Minutes of previous meeting (June '24) read and motion to accept, 2nd and passed 9-0.

Treasurer Report: read, and motioned to accept. 2nd and passed 9-0.

Old Business: June muster @ the Shriners was a success. Approx 31 trucks in the show and 20 different vendors inside. \$1000 donation given to the Aleppo Shriners after the show. Treasurer reports show cost was approx \$450 after donation to Shriners for hosting.

Mafaa has 95 current members and 6 affiliates that renewed for 2024. Hope to see more members become active again.

Devens SPAAMFAA Summer National: The muster committee reports meeting dramatically increased in the proposed contract and hotel rooms were much higher than originally quoted. Venue becoming difficult to work with. Committee

and Eboard are proposing a change in venue. More info to be reported in new business.

New Business: With unexpected cost increase, the committee looked into a few alternative sites. Marlborough seems to be the best alternative location. Dicky reported on a site visit and proposed a contract, including cheaper meeting space costs, lower hotel pricing, and many more amenities in the immediate area. Bus trips will remain as planned as it's a short distance to the new site. The proposed new dates for the '26 Summer Convention will be August 24-29th @ the Royal Trade Center Best Western in Marlborough Ma. Muster to be held on site, similar to RI. Motion to move the Convention site pending SPAAMFAA approval. Passed 9-0.

Upcoming Dates: Sept 15 - RI Chapter Show

Sept 21- Berkshire Chapter Show Lee MA

Oct 5 - NH Chapter Show - Concord NH Fire Academy

Upcoming Meetings: Oct 6 - Bare Cove Fire Museum Hingham

Nov 3- Uxbridge Fire Museum- North Uxbridge

Dec - Holiday Party - TBD

Jan - Brockton ?

SPAAMFAA Conferences: Winter 24/25 - Kissimmee FL,

Summer 2025 - Kansas City

Motion to buy an ad in the Winter Kissimmee Ad book for \$90 to promote our conference. 2nd and passed 9-0, dependent on approval to move location.

VP Kelly reports long time member Walter Curren wanted to say "Hi". Unable to attend meetings due to health concerns.

Motion to donate \$100 and affiliate membership to Haverhill Museum for hosting the meeting. 2nd and passed 9-0.

Motion to adjourn @ 1100.