

## Section 5 - FIRE PROTECTION

### RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. That the Town of Saybrook as authorized by Section 510 of the General Statutes hereby establishes a fire department known as the Deep River Fire Department.
2. The administration of this department shall be by five commissioners to be known as the Board of Fire Commissioners; three of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two of whom shall be the first and second officers of the Deep River Fire Department Inc.
3. The Selectmen shall appoint one commissioner whose term shall end January 1, 1940, one commissioner whose term shall end January 1, 1942, and one commissioner whose term shall end January 1, 1944. On January 1, 1940, and biennially thereafter the Selectmen shall appoint one commissioner whose term of office shall be for six years. Should a vacancy occur in said Board of Fire Commissioners, the Selectmen shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the member whose place was filled. All commissioners shall serve until their successors are appointed.
4. The Board of Fire Commissioners following their appointment shall forthwith hold a meeting, organize and elect a Chairman and Secretary and keep accurate records of their meetings.
5. The fire fighting equipment, the fire alarm system and the firehouse shall be under the direct charge and care of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
6. The members of the Deep River Fire Department Inc. shall be the volunteer fire fighting force of the Deep River Fire Department.
7. The unexpended balance of the appropriation made to the Deep River Fire Department Inc. at the annual Town Meeting in October, 1938, shall be transferred to the credit of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
8. It shall be the duty of the Board of Fire Commissioners:
  - a. To supervise the care of all fire fighting equipment, the fire alarm system and the firehouse.
  - b. To recommend the purchase of new apparatus, equipment and supplies as needed.
  - c. To purchase additional equipment and apparatus as voted by the town.
  - d. To purchase all supplies and replacements and make such repairs as are necessary to keep the property in good condition and ready to operate.
  - e. To make the following appointments as officers of the Deep River Fire Department:
    - (1) The duly elected foreman of the Deep River Fire Department, Inc. to be Chief of the Deep River Fire Department.
    - (2) The duly elected 1st assistant foreman of the Deep River Fire Department Inc. to be 1st Deputy Chief of the Deep River Fire Department.
    - (3) The duly elected second assistant foreman of the Deep River Fire Department Inc. to be second deputy chief of the Deep River Fire Department.
  - f. To make periodical inspections of the department, its equipment and building.
  - g. To make recommendations to the department and its officers, but they shall have no authority in directing either the officers, the use of the equipment and apparatus or personnel of the department at the time of any fire or drill work. Such authority is vested hereby solely in the Chief of the Department and its officers.
  - h. To authorize training of the members of the department when in their opinion it is warranted.
  - i. To use all reasonable means to see that fires and fire hazards are kept to the minimum.
  - j. To approve all bills and turn them over to the Board of Selectmen for payment.

*History: Amendment dated 12-1-80, Vol. 7 Pg. 36 added item (k) which vested authority to supervise and maintain Deep River Emergency Communications Control Center to the Deep River Fire Department. Amendment dated 6-11-96, Vol. 7 Pg. 297 deleted Item (k) from the ordinance and vested supervision and maintenance of Deep River Emergency Communications Control Center to the Board of Selectmen and a 5-member committee.*