



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

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Minutes of April 4, 2018

Fire Commission Monthly Meeting

- Present:** Commissioners J. Casey Healy, Ross Tartell and Christopher Weldon (who participated by telephone).
- Others:** Chief Ronald E. Kanterman, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Captains Kevin Czarnecki and Jim Gies, Lieutenant Bill Wilson, Firefighters Pat Garber, Brad Carlson, Glenn Johnson and Dave Chaloux, Apparatus Supervisor Ricky Petruzzi, Fire Marshal Rocco Gross and Deputy Fire Marshal Kevin Plank.
- A. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at approximately 0805 hours.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission's February 21, 2018 special meeting were approved unanimously.
- C. Monthly Reports:**
- Chief's Report:** The Commission reviewed and discussed the Chief's report dated April 2, 2018.
 - Deputy Chief's Report:** The Commission reviewed and discussed Deputy Chief's report dated April 2, 2018. Call volume for the month of March doubled due to storms encountered during the month. The discussion and review included the Dive Team Report submitted April 3, 2018 and the Apparatus Supervisor's Report dated March 2018 were reviewed by the Commission (all apparatus in service).
 - Fire Marshal's Report:** The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's monthly report. Fire Marshal Grosso advised the Commission that he was disappointed the public education line item in the Fire Marshal's Office's budget had been reduced.

D. Old Business:

- a. **FY 2019 Budget:** Deputy Chief Amatrudo reported that the Board of Finance approved the Department's FY 2019 Budget.
- b. **Station 2 Renovation:** Commissioner Tartell reported that the Station 2 Building Committee recommends that the 2016 Statement of Requirements ("SOR") remain in place. The Fire Commission agreed to review the 2016 SOR and discuss it at a future Commission meeting.
- c. **Review of Standing Order #08-05 Callbacks:** Discussion was had regarding the standing order that provides that the Department's firefighters may self-dispatch to a call for structure fire or smoke in the building provided that they; (i) live in Wilton; (ii) reside in an abutting municipality or (iii) are in Town at the time of the call. Chairman Healy reported that the Standing Order was not reviewed or approved by the Commission. He also reported that the Standing Order did not provide for self-dispatch for medical calls or motor vehicle accidents or rescue calls but notwithstanding that fact, Department members had self-dispatched to medical calls and motor vehicle accidents. After discussion, the consensus of the Commission was that they would give further thought to the Standing Order and discuss it at the Commission's May meeting.
- d. **Review of Automatic Mutual Aid to the Georgetown Fire District:** Chairman Healy reported that the Department had entered into automatic aid agreement with the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department for report of structure fire or smoke in the building. The agreement had not been reviewed by the Commission or approved by the Board of Selectmen as required by the Town Charter. He also reported that First Selectman Vanderslice was not in favor of an "automatic" mutual aid agreement with Georgetown absent a revisit of the Town's agreement with the Georgetown Fire District to provide annual funding. The consensus of the Commission was to terminate the automatic mutual aid agreement and the Chief was instructed to advise the Georgetown VFD.
- e. **Department Goals and Objectives:** Commissioner Tartell requested that the Chief and the Deputy Chief prepare a document that outlines the Department's goals and objectives for the calendar year 2018; including, cost containment.

E. New Business:

- a. **Statewide firefighter testing initiative:** The Chief advised the Commission that the recommendation that the Town enter into an agreement with Industrial Organizational Solutions to attend to testing and recruitment of entry level firefighters has been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for review and action.

F. Public Comment: Captain Gies advised the Commission that in his opinion there continue to be dispatch issues. After discussion, the Chief was instructed by the Commission to discuss dispatch issues with Police Chief Lynch and report on that discussion at the Commission's May meeting.

G. Adjournment: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1003 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Wilton Fire Commission