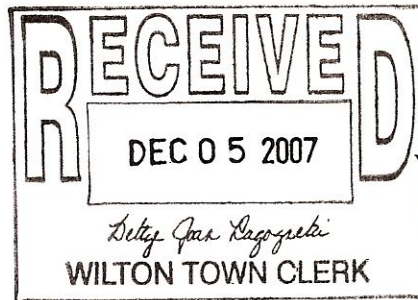




## Fire Commission



236 DANBURY ROAD  
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

### Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

November 6, 2007

Present: Commissioners Rich McCarty, J. Casey Healy and Gary Mecozzi

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Captain Jim Gies, Lt. Mike Michelsen, Firefighters Jeff Locher, Mike Pryor, Dan Lewis and Brian Elliott and Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Administrative Services Sarah Taffel.

**A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes and Miscellaneous Matters:** Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1832 hours.

1. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's regular meeting held on October 2, 2007, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

#### **B. Review of Monthly Reports**

1. Chief's Report – Chief Milositz reported that the furnishing of the fitness facility at Station 1 by the Wellness Committee was nearly complete, which furnishing was funded by a federal grant. The Chief also advised the Commission that the Department sold its two old engines to the Village of Kieryas-Joal, New York for approximately \$80,000. The Chief acknowledged with thanks Captain Czarnecki's effort in preparing a photographic board of the members of the Department and he advised the Commission that Captain Czarnecki also is working on erecting a Wall of Retirees that will be installed in the lobby of Station 1 next to the aforementioned photographic board.
2. Deputy Chief's Report - The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated November 4, 2007. The Report noted that there were a total of 178 calls for the month of October (Fire and Alarm – 61; EMS Calls – 81 and All Other Calls – 36); raising the call volume for the year to 1,423 (Fire and Alarm – 497; EMS Calls – 621 and All Other Calls – 305). There were no significant events to report for the month. Deputy Chief Amatrudo updated the Commission on the following:
  - (i) Some progress had been made resolving problems with the upgrade of the EmergiTech System used by Wilton Dispatch.

- (ii) Authorization had been received from the Connecticut Fire Academy to hold mandated NIMS courses as well as the mandated incident commander level training at Station 1. The Department will offer seats in these programs to all surrounding fire departments.
  - (iii) The Wilton Dive Team will conduct a demonstration dive for the New Canaan Fire Department on December 15, 2007.
  - (iv) A problem with the pump on Engine 4 had been repaired.
  - (v) The reverse 9-1-1 system funded by Homeland Security has been installed and training on same has begun.
  - (vi) A problem was encountered installing the new jack system in the apparatus bay at Station 1. Notwithstanding the representation of the vendor that the grade of the floor was not an issue, the grade is an issue. Solutions are being investigated. Chief Milositz advised the Commission that no payment had been tendered to the vendor.
  - (vii) Reporters from The Wilton Bulletin and The Wilton Villager and members of the Board of Selectmen have been invited to observe and, if they wish participate in, search and rescue training that will take place at 151 and 157 Danbury Road on November 7, 2007.
3. Fire Marshal's Report – The Commission reviewed without comment the Wilton Fire Marshal's Office Monthly Report dated October 2007, which Report noted that the Fire Marshal's office had taken in \$12,595 in fees for the period commencing October 1, 2006 and ending October 31, 2007 (exclusive of fees from open burning and blasting permits). Chief Milositz reported that Fire Inspector Grosso will graduate shortly from State Fire Marshal's Certification Class.

#### C. Old Business

1. Dispatch Committee – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that he has reported several procedural errors to Wilton Dispatch over the past month, which procedural errors have been corrected.

#### D. New Business

1. Replacement of Dryer – **A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Healy to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$425 from the Department's Gift Fund to replace the dryer at Station 2, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.
2. Approval of Purchase of Medals for Department Awards Ceremony – **A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Healy to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$983 from the Department's Gift Fund to purchase medals from New England Uniform for the Department's Award Program, which motion was seconded by Chairman McCarty and unanimously approved.

- E. **Executive Session:** **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to retire to Executive Session to discuss the status of the negotiation of the collective bargaining agreement with Local 2233 of the International Association of Firefighters. Chief Milositz, Deputy Chief Amatrudo and Ms. Taffel were invited to join the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved. The Commission, Chief Milositz, Deputy Chief Amatrudo and Ms. Taffel adjourned to Executive Session at



approximately 1844 hours. At approximately 1917 hours, the Commission ended the Executive Session and returned to open session. No action was taken in Executive Session

- F. **Adjournment:** At approximately 1918 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

**The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on December 4, 2007 at Fire Department Headquarters; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1830 hours.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Casey Healy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. Casey Healy

Secretary - Fire Commission