

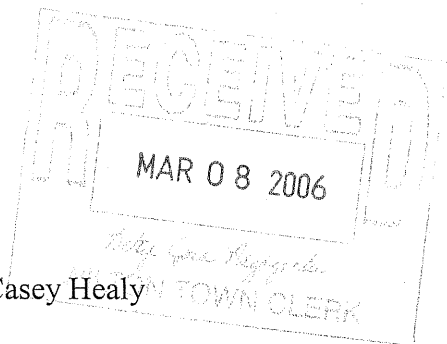


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

**Wilton Fire Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Fire Department Headquarters**

February 7, 2006



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

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Fire Inspector Bill Meehan, Captain Stu Carter, Captain Karl Dolnier, Lieutenant Mike Michelsen, Firefighters Dave Chaloux, Glenn Johnson and Brad Carlson and Administrative Services Manager Sarah Taffel

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Acting Chairman Healy, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1834 hours.

1. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's regular meeting held on January 6, 2006 and special meetings held on January 11, 2006 and January 21, 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Report dated February 7, 2006. The Report noted that there were 172 responses by the Department during the month of January. Career training for the month included EMS shift training, tanker operations, review of acting lieutenant's duties and engine company operations. Volunteer training introduction of new volunteer response duties and vehicle familiarity. Chief Milositz reported that during the weekend of February 3rd, problems were encountered with the communications systems at Station 1 and Station 2. The problem has been repaired but highlights issues that the Department will continue to encounter with the aged system.
2. Fire Marshal Report - The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Reports dated January 2006 and February 2006. Two minor incidents were investigated in December and Fire Inspector Meehan conducted fire extinguisher training for the staff of the Teen Center at their Trakside facility on Station Road. The Commission also reviewed the Code Enforcement Inspection bar graphs that were prepared by Fire Marshall Kohn. Inspections were up for the month of January 2006 with Mr. Kohn reporting that the Life Safety Division's priority is inspections while balancing the need for public education. Fire Inspector Meehan reported that he delivers a pre-inspection letter and schedules the inspection versus simply showing up

at the subject premises. Mr. Meehan advised that this procedure has resulted in a more efficient process by which the business and property owners attend to many remedial matters prior to the formal inspection.

C. Old Business

1. Lieutenant's Position – Chief Milositz reported that the application deadline for the position closed on February 3, 2006. Firefighters Coon, Krozer, Carlson, Grosso, Cassin and Chaloux posted for the position. The written test will be administered April 27, 2006 with the oral board to be administered shortly thereafter at a date to be determined.

D. New Business

1. Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 – Chairman McCarty reported on the budget presentation made to the Board of Selectmen on January 30th noting that the discussion focused principally on the need to replace Engines 2 and 3. The Commission reviewed a "Cost Comparison for Engine Purchases FY07 vs. FY07/FY08" prepared by Wilton Chief Financial Officer Joe Dolan and discussed the fact that the Engines would be considerably more expensive to replace next year for the reason that the Environmental Protection Agency has mandated new emission standards for diesel engines commencing in 2007. It was noted that said engines also would be first generation inasmuch as they would be equipped with the new emission converters, thereby increasing the likelihood of increased maintenance expense as issues with said new equipment is discovered and corrected.

- E. Adjournment:** At approximately 1932 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on March 7, 2006 at Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Secretary - Fire Commission