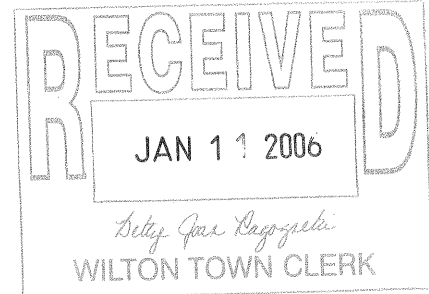


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

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

November 1, 2005



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

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Captains Jim Gies and Karl Dolnier; Lieutenants Lou Innaccone, Mike Michelsen and Kevin Czarnecki, Firefighters Dave Chaloux, John Krozer, Glen Johnson, Mike Pryor and Bill Wilson; Volunteer Lieutenant Cliff Juleson, Service Manager Sarah Taffel and First Selectman Paul Hannah

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1831 hours.

1. Chairman McCarty noted the passing of Firefighter Tom Coon's father and passed along the Commission's condolences to Tom and his family.
2. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's monthly meeting held on October 4, 2005. 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 November 1, 2005. The Report noted that there were 149 responses by the Department during the month of October. Career training for the month included EMS shift training and multi-agency simulated airplane crash. Varying training evolutions were used during the month in order to educate the new firefighter, Bill Wilson, on the operations and procedures of the Department. Volunteer training for the month included a CPR refresher course and the simulated plane crash. Chief Milositz reported that the contractor that was engaged to remove the insulation at Station 2 had walked off the job claiming that the job was more than they had contracted to do. Town counsel's office is reviewing the Town's options against the contractor. The Commission reviewed the list of private fire hydrants, which list reported which hydrants had been tested by the Department.
2. Fire Marshal's Report – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that Fire Marshal Kohn was readying the Town's voting machines for the November 2nd municipal elections. The Commission reviewed Mr. Kohn's Monthly Reports dated September 2005 and October

2005. The October Report noted that Emergency Services Day held on October 16th was well attended. Demonstrations included fire extinguishing and vehicle extraction. In addition a fire safety maze was set up for children. The Commission reviewed the Code Enforcement graph for the first three quarters of 2005, which graph evidenced that inspections were up from 2004. Chief Milositz reported that Town Counsel's office is drafting a fee schedule ordinance for the Commission's review.

3. Volunteer Participation Report — The Commission reviewed the Report for September, which Report noted that there were 31 calls for the month (24 day and 7 night) and 25 responses (20 day and 5 night). Chairman McCarty stated that the Commission should consider a campaign to attract more volunteers. Chief Milositz opined that such a campaign requires an outside organization to evaluate and recommend a course of action, noting that Greenwich has a salaried position (\$68,000 per annum) in its budget for volunteer recruitment. The Commission instructed the Chief to obtain information on firms offering recruiting services. Chairman McCarty inquired whether the volunteers should be paged for fire, smoke in the building and motor vehicle accidents and not automatic alarms. It was the consensus of the Commission to adjust the calls for volunteers.
4. Chief Milositz submitted to the Commission a Memorandum from Wilton Police Sgt. Tunney dated October 19, 2005 noting the outstanding work done by Captain Dolnier and Firefighters Sampson and Wilson in reviving a male patient who had no pulse when emergency response personnel arrived on scene. The Commission offered their thanks to Captain Dolnier and Firefighters Sampson and Wilson. Captain Dolnier advised the Commission that a good job was done by all including Sgt. Tunney and Wilton Volunteer Ambulance personnel.

C. Old Business

1. Captain's Position — The Commission reviewed the list of test scores for the candidates for the vacant Captain's position, which list reported that Lt. Czarnecki had the top score. A **MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to offer the Captain's position to Lt. Czarnecki effective November 2, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.
2. Lieutenant's Position - Chief Milositz reported that the posting of the Lieutenant's position now vacant due to Lt. Czarnecki's promotion requires a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Firefighters Union regarding job performance evaluations. The Chief advised the Commission that the only open issue is the evaluation form and records review. The Chief is scheduled to meet with Union President Michelsen on November 2nd to discuss this remaining issue.

D. New Business:

1. New Engines — Chief Milositz reported that the truck committee is being formed. It consists of the Chief, Apparatus Supervisor Nathanson, and Firefighters Mike Pryor and Glen Johnson with two more members to be named. The Committee will be meeting weekly to research and prepare a report to the Commission with a recommendation on the two replacement engines that the Department will request in its 2007 capital budget.

2. Homeland Security Funding – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency had received authorization to release \$114,000 to Wilton, which funding will be used in part to replace the alerting system at Stations 1 and 2.
3. Duration of Captain's Promotion List – Lt. Michelsen inquired as to the duration of the list. Chief Milositz advised him that the list was only for the position left vacant by Captain Cesareo's retirement.
4. Captain Dolnier's anniversary – Lt. Czarnecki reported to the Commission that it was Captain Dolnier's 34th anniversary with the Department. The Commission acknowledged with thanks Captain Dolnier's years of service to the Department.

E. Executive Session

1. **A Motion** was made by Chairman McCarty to retire to executive session to discuss the exam for the vacant Lieutenant's position and Chief Milositz's employment agreement with the Town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Healy and unanimously approved. The Commission, Chief Milositz, Mr. Hannah and Ms. Taffel retired to Executive Session at approximately 1932 hours. At approximately 2013 hours the Commission ended the Executive Session and returned to open session. Chairman McCarty reported that no action was taken in the Executive Session.
- F. It being the final regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission that Mr. Hannah would attend in his capacity as First Selectman, the Commission thanked Mr. Hannah for his support of the Department, noting in particular his efforts to obtain approval of 6-man shifts.
3. **Adjournment:** At approximately 2016 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on December 6, 2005 at Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Secretary - Fire Commission