



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2022 Held Via Tele-Conference

Present: Commissioners Casey Healy, Terrie Schwartz and John Hall.

Others: Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Deputy Fire Chief John Plofkin, Fire Marshal Rocco Grosso and Apparatus Supervisor Richard Carlo.

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM

2. Approval of Minutes: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission October 12, 2022 Special Meeting held were unanimously approved 3-0 at 5:03 PM.

3. Monthly Reports

A. Fire Marshal

- i. Fire Watch – FM Gross discussed purpose of fire watch at Congregational Church
- ii. Inspections/Plan Review – reviewed inspections and deferred inspections
- iii. Public Education – Fire Prevention Month – discussed varied public education details being conducted by the shifts and the Marshal's office.
- New DFM trainee Edwards assisting with Marshal's jobs when not in class

B. Deputy Chief

i. Training

1. training held at New Haven Fire school for live fire training for new hires
2. FF Baumbblatt passed his Pump Operator class
3. WFD hosted Tanker Shuttle 2 day program – result so class can also be used for ISO rating reduction
4. FF Bisenius completed his refamiliarization training

ii. Safety

1. Discussion on PFAS in PPE – departments efforts to reduce exposures
2. Discussion on responses to lithium ion battery calls.

C. Apparatus Supervisor Carlo reviewed monthly repairs and maintenance.

4. Fire Chief Report

- A. Responses continue to trend upwards
- B. Hydrant issues at Miller Driscoll & Cider Mill being addressed
- C. Fire Alarm system replaced at HQ & Station 2, addressing fax issues now
- D. No employees currently out with COVID
- E. Unable to secure funding for replacement for Engine 3 in advance of FY24. Department working

with manufacturer and Matt Knickerbocker, worked on this in an effort to avoid large price increases coming and to receive apparatus in one year as opposed to three years. Department will make capital request instead in FY 24.

- F. HazMat Interlocutory Agreement finished draft, Chief assisted with this for county. Will be presented to all participating municipalities approval processes in November.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Facilities

- HQ
 - Kitchen – project has commenced,
 - Apparatus Supervisor Area - Jeff Pardo DPW to price out work, possible capital request
- Outstanding Station 2 Repairs
 - Walk through with Jenn F and Jeff P of DPW, will get pricing for window repairs

B. Town Wide Communications Upgrade – meetings with stakeholders ongoing.

6. Public Comment: none received.

7. **Adjournment:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

J. Casey Healy, Chairperson
Fire Commission