



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

**Special Meeting Minutes of
January 11, 2023
Held Via Tele-Conference**

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

Others: Fire Chief James Blanchfield, 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 (Schwartz) and seconded (Healy), the minutes of the Fire Commission December 7 2022 Meeting held were unanimously approved 2-0 at 5:03 PM.

3. Monthly Reports

A. Fire Marshal – written report submitted.

i. Inspections/Plan Reviews – FM Grosso discussed and reviewed inspections and deferred inspections. Explained difference between overdue and deferred inspections. Explained new Deputy Fire Marshal Edwards will be certified in June 2023. DFM Plank retiring at end of month. Availability of OT discussed so as not to fall behind in mandates.

ii. Fire watch at Congregational Church completed.

- Plan review fees up approximately 50%

B. Deputy Chief Report written report submitted.– reviewed both Training and Health & Safety reports.

C. Apparatus Supervisor Carlo - written report submitted. Reviewed monthly repairs and maintenance. Discussed results of hose testing. Also discussed process for Truck 5 replacement. Preconstruction meeting will be in June 2023. Reviewed with Commission price increases and how area apparatus supervisors work together as for keeping apparatus in service and locating parts.

4. Fire Chief Report

A. Responses continue to trend upwards

B. Hydrant issues at Miller Driscoll fixed, & Cider Mill being addressed. Chestnut Hill/Rt. 33 Hydrant sheared off.

C. Budget for FY24 and Capital plan – meetings with First Selectwoman's Office and Finance this week.

D. Facilities – See unfinished business,

E. Personnel – New hire starts on shift next week. 1 FF still out on injury.

F. Burn Permits – Chief, Fire Marshall working with outside counsel to make process more amenable.

to citizenry.

G. Physicals – new provider Stamford Health – waiting on letter of engagement.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Facilities

Kitchen working through punch list. Many items on Capital Operating Budget request involve Station 2 work. Jeff Pardo of DPW instrumental in getting figures and estimates.

B. Town Wide Communications Upgrade – State Radio meetings for fleet mapping conducted with vendors and affected departments. (DPW, CERT, EMS, Fire, PD)

C. Hydrant Updates – see Chiefs Report.

D. Budget Update - Budget for FY24 and Capital Plan through 2028 – meetings with First Selectwoman's Office and Finance this week.

6. Public Comment: none received.

7. Adjournment: Upon a motion duly made (Hall) and seconded (Healy), the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

J. Casey Healy, Chairperson
Fire Commission