



## WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of  
April 3, 2024  
Held Via Tele-Conference

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

**Others:** Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Deputy Fire Chief John Plofkin, Apparatus Supervisor Rich Carlo, Human Resources Director Sarah Taffel

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made (Hall) and seconded (Schwartz), the minutes of the Regular Fire Commission March 6, 2024 Meeting were unanimously approved 3-0 at 5:02 PM.
3. **Monthly Reports:**
  - a. **Fire Marshal:** written report submitted.
  - b. **Deputy Chief:** written report submitted. Discussed:  
March training included a two-week rope program, SCBA annual classroom training and SCBA pileup training.  
FF Tatun is attending an aerial operator program.  
FF Bisenius will be attending a swift water rescue tech class in May.  
Lt Fouad, FF Scarpetti, FF McEwan and FF Morra are enrolled in a Hazmat Tech class.  
Provided fire extinguisher training for CERT members on March 23.  
Health and Safety-successfully submitted a micro grant with the help of Patricia Brandt.  
ASML project-PD Dispatch and the FD working to better reporting of 911 emergencies.  
Records Management vendors-ongoing meetings with new vendors.  
FF Pryor and DC Plofkin attended bailout kit demonstration.  
FF Morra and DC Plofkin presented at career day at Middlebrook School.
  - c. **Apparatus Supervisor:** written report submitted. Discussed:  
Work on engine 1 took up much of the month of March.  
Truck 5 pre-construction conference will take place the week of May 13 locally, with the expected delivery date of January 2025. Trip to factory to be planned towards the end of the year.
4. **Commissioner Healy moved to enter into Executive Session at 5:20 pm** to discuss litigation matters, Commissioner Schwartz seconded, and carried 3-0.

5. **Re-opened meeting at 6:47pm**, no action taken.
6. **Fire Chief Report:** written report submitted. Discussed:  
Calls up significantly for the month of March, and up 5% from last years' numbers.  
Communications-state radio system for DPW and PD is first priority.  
Facilities- FD front office paint complete, outside doors to be finished.  
-printers- one vendor for all town departments is being considered.  
Emergency Management-building security assessment for all town buildings.  
-AED program and CPR program for teachers  
-Meetings held to replace the town's community alert system.  
FD members attended a First Responders breakfast at Sunrise.  
FD members attended a swearing at the Police Department.  
Newly hired FF start date is 4/22/24.  
Met with UPFFA President Pete Brown re: understanding of CT FF cancer legislation.  
Hall of Fame dinner honoring former Wilton Capt. Jim Gies will be attended by 10 members on 4/4/24.
7. **Public Comment:** none
8. **Adjournment at 7:04**

Respectfully submitted,

*J. Casey Healy*

J. Casey Healy, Chairperson  
Fire Commission