



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021 HELD VIA TELE-CONFERENCE

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

Others: Chief Jim Blanchfield, Deputy Chief John Plofkin, Captain Kevin Czarnecki, Selectman Ross Tartell, Former Commissioner Christopher Weldon and Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations and Administrative Services Sarah Taffel.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at approximately 1702 hours.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission's January 6, 2021 regular meeting were approved 3-0.
3. **Non-Agenda Item:** The Commissioners invited Ross Tartell to attend the meeting and thanked him for his years of service on the Commission. Chief Blanchfield delivered an honorary Fire Department helmet to Ross from the Fire Commission and thanked him for his years of service on behalf of the Department. Ross made clear to all how much he enjoyed serving on the Commission.
4. **Monthly Reports:**
 - A. **Fire Chief:** The Commissioners discussed the Chief's Report for the month of January 2021. Chief Blanchfield reported the call volume of 145 calls was similar to the previous year. Calls included a chimney fire, an elevator rescue call, 3 carbon monoxide calls, a brush fire, 3 hazardous materials calls and 81 medical calls.

The Department hosted the first of 2 Covid vaccine clinics at Headquarters. Seven different Town departments participated in organizing the clinic. Two hundred and ninety eight of 300 people were vaccinated. The Department's PPE levels are good. Approximately eighty-nine percent of the Department has been vaccinated. Many have experienced side effects from the second dose. It is optional for Department personnel to be vaccinated.

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Deputy Chief John Plofkin found the hiring process to be long but rewarding. He hopes to work for a safe community with the great group of people he has met. He will be taking over training and as Health and Safety Office
There is a new recruit, Nick Traycheff. Reports are positive, he is a well - experienced driver and is getting acclimated to the Department.

The Captain position has been posted. Exams will be held in April. The Apparatus Supervisor vacancy is now posted, internally and externally. No internal interest has been expressed.

The budget meeting with the Town went well. A few line items will be moved.

There are presently no issues with the apparatus and equipment. Engine 1 will be going out in two weeks for front bumper repair work. iPad mapping issues have been resolved.

The ESO Project involving asset inventory is on pause as other options are explored. It is very expensive and may not meet the Department's needs.

Training for the month will focus on chest injuries and new hire training.

B. Fire Marshal: There were no comments or questions concerning the Fire Marshal's Report.

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Facilities:

- i. Headquarters –
 1. Kitchen upgrade project – Department of Public Works and Facilities Director Burney is to approve the draft request for production. The Covid vaccine clinic has been his focus this month.
- ii. Station 2
 1. Water supply update – A meeting was held with the State but there is no update at this time. The Commission will revisit the denial of crossing Rte. 33.
 2. Facility renovation update – Focus on facility renovations may not be able to wait for the water supply issue to be resolved.

6. New Business: None. The next Covid vaccine clinic will be held February 6th at the Field House. There is a waiting list but there have not been very many difficulties in obtaining doses.

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7. **Public Comment:** None.

8. **Adjournment:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1731 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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