



## WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES\* OF  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021  
HELD VIA TELE-CONFERENCE**

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

**Others:** Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Deputy Chief John Plofkin, Fire Marshal Rocco Grosso  
Apparatus Supervisor Richard Carlo, Jr., FF Dave Chaloux, FF Nick Traycheff and Director,  
Human Resource Sarah Taffel

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1700hrs
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission's Special Meeting held on September 8, 2021 and the Fire Commission's Regular Meeting held on October 6, 2021 were approved 3-0.

### 3. **Monthly Reports:**

**A. Fire Marshal:** Fire Marshal Grosso submitted monthly report: reviewed fire investigations, significant incidents including fire/smoke in industrial facility. October is Fire Prevention Month, so discussed numerous public ed/fire prevention details. Chairman Healy complimented the FM office for catching up with back-logged inspections due to COVID. Chief Blanchfield noted the FM division mascot, Sparky has been very well received.

**B. Deputy Chief:** Training included review of extrication and stabilization techniques. Thanks given to Department of Public Works, with special appreciation to Rit Matthews for his involvement setting up the vehicles for several training scenarios and Parks and Rec for the donation of the "Dial a Ride" Van. WVAC members attended training.

Wilton Chevrolet provided FD with personnel and hybrid/electric vehicles to train and learn to work safely with these vehicles during emergencies. More advanced training scenarios coming in the next month or two.

New recruit Sam Guttman doing well at the academy. DC will be attending live fire training November 5<sup>th</sup> with the recruit class. Graduation day is December 16.

- FF Fouad is taking Officer II class and FF Traycheff is participating in a live fire training program.
- New inventory system (PSTrax) is being utilized to do daily apparatus checks as well as inventory equipment. Still onboarding.

- Ladder, hose and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus testing and certification is being scheduled.

**C. Apparatus Supervisor's Report:** No major or minor breakdowns at this time. Voiced his concern with possibility of corrosion issues on the vehicles, and discussed plan to address.

**4. Fire Chief Report:**

- a. T5 Committee moving forward, hope to be out for bid in January 2022. Researching possibility of purchasing cooperative of Savings, reducing cost.
- b. Two FF's submitted exposure reports after recent incident.
- c. FF John Krozer officially retired as of November 1, 2021. Thanked FF Krozer for his valuable years of service to the department and town. HazMat Tech Posted, several interested parties. We are fully staffed at this time.
- d. Independent radio consultant report received, still weighing options. Important to build a system that will be scalable and meet needs of future, as well as be interoperable with other agencies and jurisdictions.
- e. ESO records management system remains PC based at this time, however, by 12/2022, will be going to a cloud-based system.
- f. Very active Pub Ed month. Chief attended Kiwanis Club as Speaker, and USAR presentation at Fairfield Fire School.
- g. Gave update on kitchen progress at HQ, bathroom issues at HQ.
- h. Station 2. - Driveway completed, gutters to be replaced and rerouted, insulated rain roof, base radio being moved. Making good progress at Sta 2. Town Facilities Staff have been very responsive to FD.

**5. Unfinished Business - Vacant Lieutenant Position:** Continued discussion with Chief, Director, Human Resources Manager, Sarah Taffel and Local IAFF 2233 moving forward with process.

**6. New Business** - No new business before Commission.

**7. Public Comment:** FF Dave Chaloux reported of the success of the Local's fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness month, donating more than \$2,000.00 to the Smilow Family Health Center.

**8. Adjournment:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 17:45hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. Casey Healy*

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\*Minutes have not yet been reviewed by this Board and may be subject to revision.