



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 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

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at approximately 5:04 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** September meeting minutes still being reviewed by Commission
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - A. **Fire Marshal:** FM Grosso submitted report, discussion on inspections to date, still catching up on some due to COVID-19 restrictions. Also reviewed upcoming public education events and referenced October being Fire Safety Awareness Month.
 - B. **Deputy Chief:** Deputy Chief Plotkin submitted monthly report, highlighted incident where FM Grosso's carbon monoxide meter alarmed while on a routine inspection, indicating a hazardous level of gas in the area. Demonstrated value of marshals having these meters. Also discussion on cloud based PS-Trax, program to track inventories, maintenance, repairs, daily checks on equipment. Currently beta testing with department before full roll out. Will improve record keeping and tracking of apparatus and equipment. All turnout gear needed repair was repaired. Department pleased with vendor.
 - C. **Apparatus Supervisor:** Commission commented that reported indicated a lot of work being done by apparatus supervisor.
 - D. **Fire Chief:** Reviewed written report. Chief gave update of facility progress – Board of Selectman approvals for bathroom work at Station 2 and kitchen/day room work at fire HQ. Timetables discussed. Driveway project at Station 2 discussed as well as other items that need attention in building.
4. **Unfinished Business:** Unfinished business regarding facilities was covered in the Chief and Deputy Chief reports.
 - a. **Vacant Lieutenant position:** - Upon inquiry by Commission, Chief reported Town and Local were discussing the process.

*Minutes have not been reviewed by this Board and may be subject to revision in future minutes.

- b. **Recruit Update** – Deputy Chief reported that probationary firefighter Guttman doing well at the Academy.

5. New Business:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Fire Commission voted unanimously to approve FF Montgomery's request for educational reimbursement.

Chief gave report on meeting he, the Deputy Chief and Fire Marshal attended hosted by Aquarion Water Co. ISO rating process discussed. Department will be investigating measures to ensure community's rating is maximized.

Discussion had on October being Fire Safety Month, efforts by department to advertise this to the public.

- 6. **Public Comment:** FF David Chaloux spoke to the Fire Commission about this month also being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, discussed efforts by Local 2233 to support this.
- 7. **Adjournment:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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