



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF

APRIL 6, 2022

HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE

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

Others: Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Fire Marshal Rocco Grosso, Deputy Chief John Plofkin, Apparatus Supervisor Richard Carlo, Director, Human Resource Sarah Taffel, BOS member Ross Tartell, Captain Kevin Czarnecki.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:00pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission's Regular Meeting held on March 2, 2022 were approved 3-0.
3. **Presentation to Former Commissioner Christopher Weldon:** Commissioner Casey Healy expressed thanks from the Fire Commission for his service on the Commission. Chief Blanchfield presented him a fire helmet on behalf of the Fire Commission. Board of Selectman and former Fire Commissioner Ross Tartell also expressed appreciation for former Commissioner Weldon's work on the Commission.
4. **Discussion on Monthly Reports:**
 - A. **Fire Marshal:** Inspections running on time, 0 overdue inspections at this time. One fire investigation for a controlled burn that got out of control, complimented shift on how quickly they handled the incident. Public Education delivery to Seniors at Wilton Commons was well attended.
 - B. **Deputy Chief:** Rapid Intervention Team training in March. Large area search training conducted, intensity of training picked up, EMS training continues, outside training booked for the next 6 months includes aerial ladder, Eversource, Hybrid-Electric vehicles, "When to Call OSHA" program to be delivered to Officers, Chief and DC both continue to work toward "Open Burning Official Certification. Aquarion water system training at April Officers' meeting. H&S, PS Trax updating continues. D.C Plofkin stated his appreciation for Captain Czarnecki's work, particularly with training. Commissioner Healy echoed those remarks and spoke highly of his time on the Commission during Capt. Czarnecki's tenure with the Department.
 - C. **Apparatus Supervisor's Report:** No critical issues in March, regular maintenance and repairs completed. Rust issues on E-3 and other vehicles being addressed. New T5 will have much of its components galvanized.
5. **Fire Chief Report:** as of March 31, FY22 budget on track. COVID policies- some changes made in March. T5 spec in place to go to contract with Pierce at \$1,447,767.00 within the budget, time frame for delivery approximately 690 days. Compliments to T5 committee, members have worked diligently to design our new Apparatus.

Acceptance testing will be conducted in Wilton. Met with Weston fire chiefs, discussed details of State Radio network. Town Wide building security upgrades being explored. Working with Chief Kingsbury and outside counsel regarding HazMat Team Incorporation Documents. Exploring new provider to complete mandated physical examinations.

Chief Blanchfield thanked Captain Czarnecki, who is retiring, for his work with the WFD and specifically thanked him for his work with new firefighters.

6. Unfinished Business:

A. Facilities:

i: HQ Kitchen Update: Expecting delivery of HQ custom cabinets in April. Apparatus Supervisor Carlo working on furnace room Issue working with Chris Burney and Jennifer Fascitelli to address. Chief to check with Patricia Brant on status of appliances.

ii: Station 2 updates: Received CO's for both bathrooms, floor installed and steps leading to dayroom completed, painting and carpeting to be started in the next two weeks. Leak in locker room repair made, however, contractor advised town roof needs to be replaced, Town to investigate.

B. Vacant Lieutenant Position: Lt Exam completed, waiting on results from RMA. Commission anticipating a Special Meeting in April to appoint both the new Captain and Lieutenant.

C. Truck 5 Replacement update: T5 Spec in place to go to contract with Pierce at \$1,447,767 (within budget) Time frame for delivery approximately 690 days. Compliments to T5 Committee, the members have worked incredibly hard and diligently to design our new Apparatus. We will be taking delivery at HQ so that acceptance testing will be conducted on site.

7. New Business-No new business

8. Executive Session - To Discuss Contract (CBA) negotiations 5:50 pm.

Motion made, seconded, carried to go into Executive Session and to have Chief Blanchfield and HR Director Taffel attend.

Return to regular session 6:58 pm: No action taken during Executive Session

9. Public Comment-Email unavailable to receive Public Comment. No other public comment.

10. Adjourn Meeting: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

Chair, Fire Commission.

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