

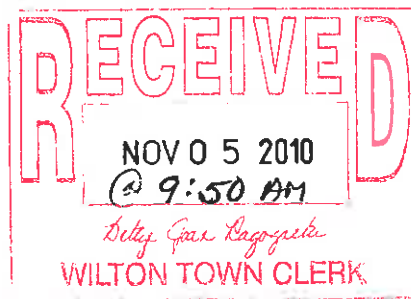


## Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD  
WILTON, CONNECTICUT

### Minutes of Special Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

October 21, 2010



Present: Commissioners Richard McCarty, Gary Mecozzi and Casey Healy

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Captains Jim Gies, Karl Dolnier, Stu Carter and Kevin Czarnecki; Lieutenants Mike Michelsen and Greg Kitik; and, Firefighters Tom Coon, Dave Chaloux, John Krozer, Jeff Locher, Mike Pryor, Brad Carlson, Bill Wilson, Kevin Plank and Gary Fuco.

A. **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1830 hours. A **MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's meetings held on August 10, 2010 and September 1, 2010 which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

#### B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Chief's Report – See below for reports received from Chief Milositz under the headings Recent Incidents and Station 2 – Water Contamination.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated October 5, 2010. The Report noted that there were a total of 132 calls for the month of September (Fire and Alarm – 41; EMS Calls – 64 and All Other Calls – 27) bringing the call total for the year to 1,203 (Fire and Alarm – 302; EMS Calls – 528 and All Other Calls – 373). The significant incidents during the month were: (i) September 4<sup>th</sup> – Shed fire at 41 Thistle Lane; and, (ii) September 10<sup>th</sup> – Fully involved motor vehicle fire at 30 Cannon Road.

Training – A total of 420 hours of training were input during the month, including, live fire training and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus annual skills training at the Stamford Regional Fire Training Center.

Firehouse Software – Training on the Firehouse Software Scheduling Module took place at the September officers' meeting. Deputy Chief Amatrudo reported that Wilton Information Systems Director John Savarese continues to work with the Town Counsel's office to resolve the EmergiTech mobile data terminal software problems or to obtain some type of financial relief from EmergiTech.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 – The Finance Department has informed all Town departments that there will be some changes in the mechanics of developing budgets for fiscal year 2012. Those changes are to be explained at a meeting with Chief Financial Officer Dennis scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>. Budgets are due by November 30, 2010, which due date is approximately two (2) weeks earlier than in past years.

New Firefighter Hire – Candidate Benedict is in his fourth week at the Connecticut Fire Academy and has 10 weeks to go. Deputy Chief Amatrudo met with Mr. Benedict and his instructors on October 7<sup>th</sup> and was advised that his progress has been excellent. Mr. Benedict has been elected as a squad leader and he is scoring in the mid 90's on his tests.

Lieutenant Promotional Process – The list of written examination references have been posted. The written exam will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup> and the oral boards will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

3. Apparatus Supervisor's Report - The Commission reviewed without comment the Apparatus Supervisor's Monthly Report for September 2010.
4. Fire Marshal's Report – The Commission reviewed without comment the Fire Marshal's Office Monthly Report dated August 2010.

#### **C. Recent Incidents**

1. Chief Milositz commended the Department and the Wilton Dive Team for their professionalism and effort with respect to the rescue and recovery operations on October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup> in connection with two kayakers who drowned in the Norwalk River in the vicinity of Cannondale Village and the Grange located on Cannon Road just east of US Route 7 – Danbury Road. He advised the Commission that First Selectman Brennan was impressed and thankful for all that the Department and the Dive Team did.

The Commission also reviewed various newspaper and on-line articles that were provided by Deputy Chief Amatrudo regarding the missing kayakers and the structure fire on Old Kingdom Road which the Department responded to on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **D. Station 2 – Water Contamination**

1. Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the Department had received a report from Wilton Director of Health Schole advising that the quality of the water at Station 2 is not suitable for drinking or washing of dishes; bathing and washing of vehicles is permissible. Station 2 will use paper plates and disposable utensils until the water quality problem is remedied.

- E. Adjournment:** Prior to adjournment. Lt. Michelsen on behalf of the Department's Firefighters thanked Commissioner McCarty for his years of service on the Commission and his support of the Department and its Firefighters (Chairman McCarty will leave the

Commission effective December 1, 2010 due to term limits). At approximately 1859 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

**The next meeting of the Commission will be a special meeting to be held on November 4, 2010 at Fire Department Headquarters commencing at 1830 hours.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Casey Healy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. Casey Healy  
Secretary - Fire Commission