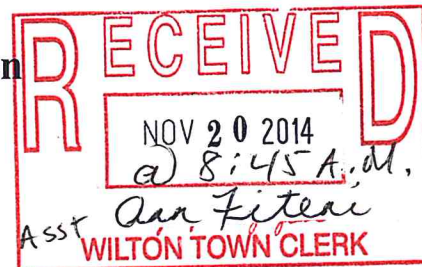




Wilton Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of Special Meeting



Station 1 – Fire Headquarters Meeting Room

October 1, 2014

Present: Chairman Gary Mecozzi and Commissioner J. Casey Healy

Others: Interim Chief Ronald E. Kanterman; Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Captains Jim Gies and Kevin Czarnecki, Firefighters Brad Carlson, Dave Chaloux, Gary Fuoco, Glenn Johnson, Bill Wilson, Brian Elliott, Michael Wydra, Joe Bisenius, Dan Lewis and Mike Pryor; Apparatus Supervisor Ralph Nathanson, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Fire Inspector Rocco Grosso and retired Captains Karl Dolnier and Bill Cesareo.

- A. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 0803 hours.
- B. **Introduction of Fire Commission Healy:** Mr. Healy was welcomed back to the Commission by Chairman Mecozzi. Mr. Mecozzi also reported that Troy Ellen Dixon had resigned from the Commission as she is no longer a Wilton resident.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the Commission's July and August meeting minutes were tabled for the reason that Commissioner Healy was not a member of the Commission at those times and former Commissioner Troy Ellen Dixon has resigned.
- D. **Monthly Reports:**
 - 1. **Report of the Deputy Chief:** The Deputy Chief's report dated September 30, 2014 is attached. Major incidents during the month of September included: (i) September 6th - Mutual aid to Westport for a building fire; (ii) September 11th - Firefighters Bisenius and Fuoco responded from Station 1 in Utility 6 and Captain Gies and Firefighter Chaloux responded from their respective homes to a Fairfield County Haz-mat Team callout for a large fire at a perfume factory in Bridgeport; (iii) September 25th - Report of a potential bomb at Wilton Library after two suspicious backpacks were observed unattended near the front door while Rosh Hosanna services were being held in the Library (backpacks were later determined not to be a threat) and (iv) September 29th - Fire on a Metro North train at Cannondale Station. Other highlights in the Report included: (i) Truck 5 out of service due to an electrical problem; (ii) old Engine 4 has been listed for sale at \$80,000; (iii) repairs to Station 2 will be completed the week of October 6th; (iv) paper work has been submitted for reimbursement to the Department of \$9,000 from the Emergency Management Performance Grant program and (v) 2,000 motorcycles rode thru Wilton during the annual United Ride on September 7th. Chairman Mecozzi complimented the Firefighters and CERT members who assisted with the United Ride.

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal:** The Fire Marshal's attached Monthly Report was reviewed by the Commission. Chairman Mecozzi reported that Fire Marshal Kohn will be retiring effective January 1, 2015. The Commission thanked Mr. Kohn for his many years of dedicated service to the Department.
3. **Report of the Chief:** The Chief's Monthly Report dated October 1, 2014 is attached. Highlights of the Report included: (i) the Chief has initiated some new public education programs at the Wilton public schools and some private schools; (ii) the Department is developing an apparatus inventory form; (iii) the Chief met with Police Chief Lombardo to discuss the development of cross training programs between the two departments (iv) and exploring a grant for a new rig for the Dive Team. The Chief read a statement recognizing and thanking the Wilton Firefighters for planning and executing an outstanding 9/11 remembrance ceremony. Captain Gies noted that the Wilton Parks and Grounds Department should be thanked for the landscaping they attended to for the 9/11 ceremony. Apparatus Supervisor Nathanson advised the Commission that he is working on a plaque to thank Parks and Recreation.

E. Old Business

1. **Dispatch Update:** Captain Gies, Deputy Chief Amatrudo and Chairman Mecozzi met on September 26, 2014. Mr. Mecozzi reported that a decision must be made as to whether to move the Department's dispatch to Westport Fire Dispatch effective January 2015. The Deputy Chief is working on ironing out some issues with NextGen regarding the relocation to Westport. Mr. Mecozzi reported that the Fire Commission will work on the funding for the relocation.
2. **Station 2 Project:** Septic testing, soil samples and water testing will be conducted and taken on October 1, 2014. An engineering study will be conducted to ascertain whether the addition of a 2nd floor is feasible. \$400,000 is proposed in this year's capital budget and \$600,000 in next year's capital for the renovation of Station 2.

F. New Business: Upon motion made by Chairman Mecozzi and duly seconded, Commissioner Healy was appointed as the Commission's secretary.

G. Public Comment: Mr. Dolnier posed the following questions regarding the MDTs in the Department's apparatus and vehicles: (i) what information do they presently supply and (ii) what is the total cost to date of acquiring, installing and making operational the MDTs. Chairman Mecozzi responded that the information will be compiled for the Commission's November meeting. Firefighter Chaloux inquired whether the process for hiring a permanent Chief of the Department will return to the Commission's agenda at some point in the future to which Mr. Mecozzi replied in the affirmative.

H. Executive Session: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 0835 hours to: (i) discuss the status of the promotional process and (ii) be updated by Commissioner Healy on the Pension Negotiations. Chief Kanterman; Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo were invited to join the discussion on the promotional process. At approximately 0900 hours, Chief Kanterman and Deputy Chief Amatrudo left the Executive Session after discussion of the promotional process. At approximately 0925 hours, the Executive Session ended.

- I. Adjournment:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 0930 hours.

Next meeting of Commission is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at Town Hall, Meeting Room B; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 0800 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy, Secretary
Wilton Fire Commission