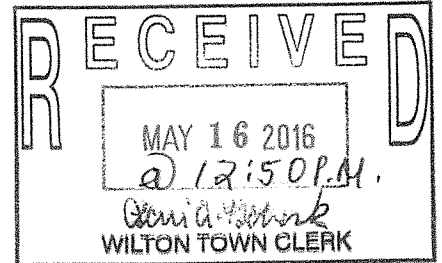


Wilton Fire Commission

Town Hall – Annex Meeting Room A
238 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT
Town Hall– Room B

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

April 13, 2016



Present: Commissioners J. Casey Healy, Ross Tartell and Christopher Weldon

Others: Chief Ronald E. Kanterman, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Lieutenant Bill Wilson, Firefighters Dave Chaloux, Mike Wydra, Noah Fouad, Brad Carlson, Bryan Montgomery, Joe Bisenius, Fire Marshall Rocco Grosso and Apparatus Supervisor Ralph Nathanson.

A. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:02 am.

B. Approval of Minutes: Upon motions duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Commission meetings held on March 1, 2016.

C. Monthly Reports:

- a. **Chief's Report:** The Chief's report dated April 1, 2016 is attached. Highlights included:
 - Chief provided the details on the two structure fires on March 7 and 16 and a rack-body truck fire.
 - Chief discussed the launching of the Quick Action Plan Program for pre-emergency planning of Town target hazards for enter data in to the dispatch system.
 - Chief discussed Capt. Blanchfield's and Lt. Sampson's attendance at the CT Officers Weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD.
 - Chief outlined his involvement in a newly formed working group set up with the assistance of the Stepping Stones Children's Museum and addressing children safety with specific focus on creating a "Public Safety Zone" at the new mall to be built in South Norwalk.
 - Chief also discussed several special projects including:
 - Deputy Fire Marshal Plank completion of Phase I of his certification and the start of Phase II of his training which should be completed in June.
 - Further discussions on potential new cutting tools and the various manufacturer representative' presentations over the month of March.
 - The Dive Team continued due diligence on creating a regional dive team.
 - April Pool Safety Day with focus on drown-proofing residential and commercial pools.
- b. **Deputy Chief's Report:** The Deputy Chief's report dated April 11, 2016 is attached. Highlights in the report included:
 - Deputed Chief discussion on the increase in incident calls responded to by Wilton Fire Department from 119 for March 2015 to 132 for March 2106.

- The significant training that was conducted in March 2016 with a total of 550 hours completed.
 - Discussions concerning the current status of various apparatus and equipment being utilized by the Fire Department or being considered including:
 - The factory construction meeting concerning the potential new engine;
 - The ordering of the new trailer for the dive team;
 - The battery powered rescue cutters; and,
 - Purchase of new portable radios.
 - Discussed the meeting with vendor to rebuild safety railing and creating a prop practice bailout in the upper apparatus bay storage area.
 - The awaiting of results from the Town's energy audit of the Wilton Fire Department.
 - Discussed the Wilton Fire Department continued involvement with School Safety and Security Task Force, and with CERT Team.
- c. **Fire Marshal's Report:** Fire Marshall Rocco Grosso presented a summary of the Fire Marshall Report including the fact that there were 51 inspections completed during the month of March.
- d. **Dive Team Report:** Beyond the issues discussed above, there was no Dive Team Report submitted for review by the Commission.
- e. **Apparatus Supervisor's Report:** Beyond the issues discussed above, there was no Apparatus Supervisor's Report submitted for review by the Commission.

D. Old Business:

a. Station 2

- Commissioner Tartell and Chief Kanterman reported that the Station 2 Building Committee held their organizational meeting with the full board. They also reported that the Board's biggest concern with the current location was the septic and water issues which must be addressed first before looking at the actual structure itself and may require a move to a different location. Lastly, the Chief explained his role with the Board from an advisory and reporting position.

b. FD Budget

- As of March 1, 2016, there were no changes communicated by the Board of Selectmen to the Fire Department's Budget. The capital expenditure for potential new Dive Truck was stricken for the 2106-2017 budget cycle. The Town has asked that expenses be minimized and if not spent to hold-off on spending.

c. Emergency Day

- There was a general discussion concerning the planning of an Emergency Day to take place in the fall.

d. FD Staffing

- Chief advised that the Town has agreed to pick-up this issue after the Town Budget is finalized.

e. Wilton Dispatch

- Chief discussed several issues that arose over the past month and Commissioner Weldon advised that he would be meeting with his counter-part from the Police Commission to reach a final resolution of these issues.

Commissioner also report that he would be meeting with FF Capt. Gies to discuss ongoing issues and putting a team from each department together to meet and workout the issues.

E. New Business

a. Votes

- The Commission voted 3-0 on allowing FF N. Fouad to carryover his vacation time to the new year.
- The Commission voted 3-0 on allowing DFM Trainee /K. Plank to carryover his vacation time to the new year.
- The Commission voted 3-0 on allowing Prob. FF J. Edwards to carryover his vacation time to the new year.

F. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

G. Adjournment: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:06 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2016 commencing at 8:00 am in meeting Room B at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Weldon
Wilton Fire Commission