

WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

MEETING ROOM B – WILTON TOWN HALL
238 DANBURY ROAD
Wilton, CT

Minutes of November 6, 2019

Fire Commission Monthly Meeting

Present: Commissioners J. Casey Healy, Ross Tartell and Christopher Weldon (by telephone).

Others: Chief Geoff Herald, Captain Jim Blanchfield, Firefighters Bryan Montgomery and Mike Blatchley and Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations and Administrative Services Sarah Taffel (Captain Blanchfield and Firefighters Montgomery and Blatchley left the meeting to respond to a reported structure fire in Weston and later returned when the mutual aid request was cancelled in route).

- A. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at approximately 1800 hours.
- B. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission's September 18, 2019 and October 2, 2019 meetings were approved unanimously.
- C. **Monthly Reports:**
 - (i) **Chief's Report:** The Commission reviewed and discussed the Chief's Report dated November 6, 2019 and the Monthly Apparatus Supervisor's Report dated October 2019. Chief Herald reported that he had received the "refurbishment estimates" for the ladder and the engines from Pierce. The refurbishment estimate for Truck 5 was less than expected. The estimate for the engines was more than expected, by a significant amount. The Chief opined that it might make economic sense for the Department to purchase a demo engine from Pierce. The Commission discussed the vehicle and apparatus replacement plan proposed by Chief Herald at the Commission's October meeting. Chief Herald advised the Commission that he would update the plan based on the Pierce estimates. The Chief recommended that the Commission also should explore leasing apparatus versus purchasing.
 - (ii) **Fire Marshal's Report:** The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Activity Report dated October 2019.

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

D. Old Business:

- (i) **Update on Chief and Deputy Chief Searches:** Commissioner Healy reported that the process continues.
- (ii) **Status of Repair of Kitchen at Fire Headquarters:** Director of Facilities Burney advised Chief Herald that appliances are available. The appliances are expected to be installed by Thanksgiving. The delivery of cabinets and counters will be delayed; they will not be installed by Thanksgiving.

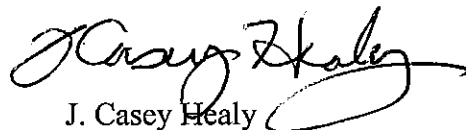
E. New Business:

- (i) **Recognition of Firefighter Actions.** The Commission acknowledged with thanks the following actions taken by the Department's firefighters: (i) extrication of a dog with its head stuck in a tree by Lieutenant Cassin and Firefighter Blatchley; (ii) Cardiac arrest call responded to by Captain Elliott and Firefighters Mike Blatchley, Gary Fouco and Mike Wydra and (iii) assistance provided to the Wilton Police Department and the owner of a horse that had fallen into a swimming pool provided by Lieutenant Bill Wilson and Firefighter Mike Wydra.

F. Public Comment: None.

G. Adjournment: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1826 hours,

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Fire Commission