

***Town of Hamden Fire Commission
Minutes of the meeting
April 13, 2011***

Attending: Michael D’Andrea, Richard Reilly, Duane Wetmore, Fire Chief David Berardesca and Deputy Chief Robert Surprise

Absent: Henry Candido and Robert LaToracca

CALL TO ORDER –

Vice-Chairman D’Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Candido and Mr. LaToracca were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Vice-Chairman D’Andrea entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the regular meeting of March 9, 2011. **D. Wetmore motioned to accept the minutes of March 9, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by R. Reilly. The motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) – (AS NEEDED)

NEW BUSINESS –

DEPARTMENT REPORT –

- a. Review of Fire Department activity – Chief Berardesca reviewed the reports provided to the Commission. Mr. D’Andrea noted the incident report with 46 “good intent,” 74 “false calls,” 649 “medical calls” and 32 “fire related,” were held.
- b. There was a great deal of activity for the Training and Fire Marshal’s reports.
- c. A new truck will be on the road in the next week.

D. Wetmore motioned to accept the reports as presented, seconded by R. Reilly. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

Budget Review – Chief Berardesca mentioned the construction to the Fire Station at Old Town Hall is still underway. We hope the renovations will be completed by this summer.

The Fire Department went before the Town Council for the 2011-12 budget. We provided the Council a list of priorities and was able to get items 1 through 4 restored in the budget. As much as we would like to have items 5, 6 and 7 restored in the budget; however, the Department is more concerned about the hiring of EMT/Paramedics. There are currently 14 firefighter paramedics and three of those paramedics are officers, and two of those officers dropping their status. We need sixteen paramedics in place to meet state regulations. The Fire Chief requested two entry-level B firefighter positions be filled in

the next budget. This is a challenge for the upcoming budget and there will be some adjustments to be made with the current crew.

We hope the Town Council will reconsider this situation.

OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD - Fire Chief Berardesca and Deputy Fire Chief provided a report for the Commissioners to review.

NEXT MEETING DATE – The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Hamden Government Center, Third Floor Conference Room, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT –

At 6:20 p.m. **D. Wetmore motioned to adjourn, seconded by R. Reilly. The motion carried unanimously.**

Recorded by,

Patrice A. LeMoine

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Clerk for the Commission