

***Town of Hamden Fire Commission  
Minutes of the meeting  
May 11, 2011***

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**Attending:** Michael D’Andrea, Richard Reilly, and Duane Wetmore.

**Also present:** Attorney Michael Kamp.

**Absent:** Henry Candido, Robert LaToracca, Fire Chief David Berardesca and Deputy Chief Robert Surprise.

**CALL TO ORDER** –

Vice-Chairman D’Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Candido and Mr. LaToracca were not present. The Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief were unable to attend this evening’s meeting in order to attend a budget hearing before the Town Council. The agenda was then reviewed. Mr. D’Andrea amended the agenda to include a discussion with Attorney Michael Kamp. R. Reilly made the motion to add “a discussion with Attorney Kamp” to the agenda. D. Wetmore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Vice-Chairman D’Andrea entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the regular meeting of April 13, 2011. **D. Wetmore motioned to accept the minutes of April 13, 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** –

**DRAFT OF NEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** –

Since Fire Chief Berardesca was not able to present the documents to the Commissioners this evening, this agenda item will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT** –

The reports were not made available to the Commissioners. Therefore, this item will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

**Discussion with Attorney Michael KAMP** –

Mr. Kamp informed the Fire Commissioners that the Town of Hamden has hired him, and he came this evening to speak to the Commission regarding the recent personnel investigation about the Fire Marshall. In the event there should be any disciplinary action taken, there is the possibility the Fire Marshall will request a hearing before the Fire Commission.

Attorney Kamp informed the Commission of the legal process that would take place and instructed the Commissioners of what their role and responsibilities are during the hearing(s).

If the hearing(s) should be held, Attorney Kamp will contact those parties who are to attend and the announcements will be posted as a “Special” meeting of the Fire Commission. The public notices will be posted in the normal manner as always.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Nothing to present.

**OPEN DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONERS/DEPARTMENT HEAD** - Nothing to report.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** – The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 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 6:22 p.m. **R. Reilly motioned to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by D. Wetmore. The motion carried unanimously.**

Recorded by,

***Patrice A. LeMoine***

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Clerk for the Commission