

Hamden Fire Commissioners
Administration Building, in the Large Conference Room
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2013

In Attendance: Henry Candido, Michael D'Andrea, Michael Iezzi and Richard Reilly.

Absent: Donovan Shahid Abdul-Karim. **Also in Attendance:** Fire Chief David Berardesca, and Deputy Fire Chief Robert Surprise.

Call to Order: Chairman, H. Candido called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was reviewed.

Minutes: H. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2013 special meeting. M. D'Andrea made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public/Media Comments on Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Mr. Candido asked for any items to discuss.

Updates regarding Circular Avenue Fire House—Mr. Candido asked to discuss the current renovations at this location. Fire Chief Berardesca spoke with regard that the funds were donated to renovate the property and the contractors doing the renovations has been doing the work on their own time. The kitchen is not completed, leaving the staff very disappointed in having nothing to work with for their meals. This part of the project is taking very long and he understands and appreciates the personnel's patience and cooperation which is much appreciated. The contractor is hoping to complete the project by this coming Monday; however, the Fire Chief realistically believes the project will be done by March 31st. We look for a contingency plan, but you lose the proper coverage to this area of Hamden. The Fire Volunteers at Dunbar have several projects at their house and are not able to provide temporary space to Circular.

Mr. Candido questioned the amount of oil that is ordered each month for the Circular Firehouse. Deputy Fire Chief Surprise has this information and he believes the information Mr. Candido received is inaccurate and noted there are two deliveries made to this firehouse each month. Mr. Candido asked if we could conduct an energy-savings review of the station and see if some energy savings products could be installed. Deputy Fire Chief Surprise noted a new boiler will be installed within the next year, and part of this current construction project will include the installation of new insulated windows.

A discussion was held about the second station for the area. Fire Chief Berardesca has been working with the Town to entertain other sites and other locations in the Town. However, there is nothing definitive to present to the Commission. Mr. Candido would like the council members to attend a tour of the fire stations and to personally see the conditions of the stations. At the last invitation to tour Circular Avenue, only two of the fifteen council members attended.

New Business: This week new certified firefighter, Lawrence Bowden, began working for the Department. The Department will confirm when he will be sworn-in with the Town Clerk and Mayor's office. B. Byrd returned to work after completing his military tour.

Two vehicles for the Fire Department are being serviced and upgraded. The Department reports were distributed and the training division has 40 training classes scheduled, which is to meet certification criteria. The Fire Marshal's reports were provided and some information was missing, due to a computer conversion, which lost some of our data.

The Commissioners requested an update on the Fire Marshal's recent inspections at the Quinnipiac University sports complex. Fire Chief Berardesca informed the Commissioners of two issues that had been addressed. One in particular was a violation for an emergency egress and the second was an overpopulated area in one enclosed area of the facility. Everything was addressed and went smoothly.

Executive Session: At 6:23 p.m. R. Reilly made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss a personnel matter. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At this time, P. LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission, left the meeting.

H. Candido requested a motion to go out of executive session. M. Iezzi made the motion to end executive session at 6:41 p.m. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next Meeting: The Commissioners discussed the scheduling of a regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Chairperson H. Candido requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Iezzi made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recorded by,

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