

**Hamden Fire Commissioners
Town Administration Building/Third Floor Conference Room
Minutes of the Meeting of September 11, 2013**

In Attendance were Fire Commissioners: Michael D'Andrea, Michael Iezzi, and Richard Reilly. Absent: Henry Candido and Donovan Shahid Abdul-Karim. **Also in Attendance:** Fire Chief David Berardesca and Deputy Fire Chief Robert Surprise.

Call to Order: Chairman, M. D'Andrea opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Mr. D'Andrea reviewed the agenda and noted there was a quorum present this evening.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. D'Andrea requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12 meeting. **R. Reilly made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting as presented. M. Iezzi seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Public Media: No one present.

Discussion and review department reports with Fire Chief: Fire Chief Berardesca presented the department reports. The reports reflect the past three months of activities (June, July and August). The fire marshals have kept very busy schedules; Fire Chief added "doing a great job" in conducting trainings in the community. The Training department has revised the recent trainings to hold more basic reviews. **After no further discussion, Mr. D'Andrea requested a motion. R. Reilly made the motion to approve the department reports as presented. M. Iezzi seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

The Department has promoted the Heart Safe Program. This program offered and trained as many residents in the community for CPR. The training staff provided approximately 160 people CPR training.

Fire Chief has entertained a "mutual aide" agreement with Wallingford, North Haven, and East Haven Fire Departments. We look to work together providing and receiving assistance from the fellow town's when an emergency or fire arises. The Fire Chief gave a few examples of when a service could be provided to another town and visa-versa.

We have been approached by Quinnipiac University to provide fire prevention/rescue and EMT services to the York Hill facilities. We look to make a mutual agreement work between the two organizations.

Both engines 8 and 15 are out of service, in need of repairs, but may need to retire. Engine 8 and 15 will be replaced with suitable vehicles, but would like to consider replacing a tanker for engine 8, which would be better use of a vehicle for the Dunbar station.

Executive Session: Nothing to present.

New Business:

Staff Member Vehicle Policy: As required by the Town Charter, the Fire Department has drafted a policy for staff members who are assigned policies. We wanted to address the policy for some personnel who are in the bargaining unit are assigned a company vehicle. We have created the policy for when the staff person is out for five (5) or more days, they must turn the vehicle over to the Department and it will most likely be stationed in the shop for scheduled maintenance.

After a brief discussion on the policy, M. D'Andrea requested a motion to approve the policy as presented. M. Iezzi made the motion to accept the Fire Department's Staff Member Vehicle Policy as presented. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business: R. Reilly inquired about the new firefighters who were hired a few months ago. Fire Chief Berardesca said they are on duty and working out very well.

One firefighter is looking to retire within the year. We will then look to replace this position with a paramedic firefighter.

The Town has a current list of eligible applicants for the next round, when that time should come for new hiring. The Town currently has 88 firefighters and has been down four positions for the last few years.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Chairperson M. D'Andrea asked to adjourn the meeting. At 6:27 p.m. M. Iezzi made the motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recorded by,

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