

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman, H. Candido opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. **M. Iezzi made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting as presented. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Public Media:** No one present.

**Department Updates and Reports:** As the Commissioners are aware, the Department is without a Deputy Fire Chief. Personnel reviewed the applications and there are sixteen candidates to interview. Fire Chief Berardesca gave a summary of the interview process and the composition of the team who will be meeting the candidates. The interviews will be held December 17 and 18. The Mayor will meet with the final three candidates before making an appointment.

Interviews were held for the open position of the maintenance person for Town hydrants.

The Department presented a list of capital purchases, total amount \$630,500, which were approved by the Town Council.

The pumper will be ordered for Firehouse #8 and the process of this order will be held over the next few weeks. The pumper is located in Brewster, New York.

Fire Chief Berardesca presented the department reports. The HVAC system is still being addressed at Station #2. A new split system will be considered and installed. The current heating system is so outdated it is burning about 500 gallons per week.

Due to an annual inspection conducted by the Fire Marshal, the fire/security system was malfunctioning at the Miller Library. The situation is now repaired, properly running. The cost to repair this system was \$10,000 and the Town is currently short in this budget line item. Fire Chief discussed the Town is retaining one current contract for the security/fire system, which is with HTP Services.

**Executive Session:** Nothing to present.

**New Business:**

Firefighter, M. Onofrio's grandmother passed away last week. The Commissioners requested a sympathy card to be sent the Mr. Onofrio.

In 2014, the Elks Club will be honoring a Firefighter of the Year and also in 2014 the Mason's will hold recognition for a firefighter. Fire Chief Berardesca held a discussion on the situation and suggestions of holding a different venue for the entire fire department.

**Old Business:**

Brief discussion was held on the current openings and hiring for the Department. There are two openings for firefighters and we will be looking to fill those positions in the next quarter of 2014.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. By the end of December, the Town Clerk will notify the Commissioners of their reappointments.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Candido asked to adjourn the meeting. At 6:32 p.m. R. Reilly made the motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Iezzi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recorded by,

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