

**Hamden Fire Commissioners  
Administration Building, Parks and Recreation  
Conference Room  
Minutes of Special Meeting – March 19, 2014**

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**In Attendance were** Henry Candido, Michael Iezzi, Richard Reilly and Andrea Lobo. **Absent:** Michael D'Andrea. **Also in Attendance:** Fire Chief David Berardesca, Deputy Fire Chief Gary Merwede.

**Call to Order:** Chairman, H. Candido called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Election of Officers:** Mr. Candido recited the officer positions that are open for nomination for a two-year term.

Chairperson: Mr. Candido requested nominations for Chairperson. At this time, R. Reilly nominated Henry Candido to be chairperson. M. Iezzi seconded the nomination. No further nominations were presented. All were in favor of appointing Mr. Candido to Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Candido nominated Michael D'Andrea to be Vice Chairperson. With no further nominations, R. Reilly seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

Secretary: H. Candido nominated Richard Reilly to be Secretary. With no further nominations presented, A. Lobo seconded the nomination. All were in favor.

***Slate of Officers*** who will serve a term to January 2016:

Chairperson: Henry Candido  
Vice-Chairperson: Michael D'Andrea  
Secretary: Richard Reilly

**Old Business:**

**Proposed Budget 2014-15 Fiscal Year.** The Fire Chief noted that this budget proposal will be presented to the Fire Commissioners by the next meeting. The Mayor's office recommended a cut of \$500,000 to the budget. Four positions will not be funded; one position (clerical) will be upgraded, which was approved several months ago. The Fire Department's budget will go before the Town Council on March 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., which is held at Memorial Town Hall.

A reduction of \$350,000 was made to the sub-straight budget. The Town also cut \$350,000 from this current fiscal year's sub-straight account as well. However, it is

those cuts to the Department's budget that hurt the most. Those reductions affect the medical supplies and vehicle maintenance took a large hit too.

Three rescue trucks are being purchased, and we go before the Town for the waiver and the existing trucks will be repurposed, which this saves money for the Town.

**New Business:** H. Candido mentioned the fire and rescue crews did a great job taking down the fire that occurred on Mill Rock Road. They did the same for the apartment building at Aspen Glen. Deputy Fire Chief G. Merwede added that both teams worked very hard and both fires were challenging due to the snow and various conditions of the properties. The property owners of Aspen Glen were thankful they did not lose the entire structure.

**Executive Session:**

At 6:25 p.m., M. Iezzi made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose to conduct interviews. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor. At this time the Fire Commissioners met with the candidates for the hiring of two Certified Firefighter Paramedic positions.

At 7:25 p.m. H. Candido requested a motion to end executive session. M. Iezzi made the motion to end executive session. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Appointments:**

M. Iezzi made the motion to appoint both Gregory Minichiello and Nicholas Borelli to the positions of Certified Firefighter Paramedic. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor. The swearing-in ceremony will be pending the start date(s) of these two gentlemen and pending the availability of the Mayor and Town Clerk.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson H. Candido asked to adjourn the meeting. At 7:28 p.m. M. Iezzi made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A. Lobo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Reported by,

*Patrice A LeMoine*

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Clerk for the Fire Commission