

**Town of Hamden
Fire Commission**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014
at 6:00 p.m.**

**Town Hall's Administration Building
Location: Third Floor Meeting Room**

Commissioners in Attendance: Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Candido, Mr. Iezzi Jr.,
Ms. Lobo

Others in Attendance: Chief Berardesca, Deputy Chief Merwede
Acting Clerk Tobin

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Candido asked for a motion to call the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Iezzi so moved. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Acceptance of minutes of the April 9, 2014

Mr. Iezzi, made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2014. Mr. O'Brien asked if the minutes should note his appointment and presence at the meeting. Candido said the minutes show that Mr. O'Brien was in attendance and that is sufficient. **Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9th as submitted. Mr. Iezzi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

3. Department Updates and Reports

-Department reports for April 2014

Chief Berardesca commented on his report. He said medical calls continue to rise. Chief Berardesca said all Fire Department members now have email. He gives credit to Deputy Chief Merwede, Bill Fitzmaurice and Sam DeBarra for getting this done, because Dave Richards had not been able to get to this because of all of his other duties. All fire personnel can get their emails in a timely manner. This will cut down on gossip and speculations, and he and the Deputy will be sending out email messages periodically. He put some of the training into his report, as well as items he purchased. Chief Berardesca said staff likes to know where the Department's money is going. Some items were purchased from the 2013/2014 budget and some from the 2014/2015 capital budget. A fire pumper was purchased for Station 3. The Chief said another item of interest was the purchase of furniture. Chief Berardesca has included with his report the training division log and the Marshall's report, one of the biggest reports he has received in a long time. These fellows are doing their due diligence out there.

Chief Berardesca received a nice letter of appreciation from James O'Brien regarding the services rendered at his home.

4. Old business.

There was no old business.

5. New business.

There was discussion regarding the repair/replacement of stations. Chief Berardesca said in his last discussions with the Mayor he said he would like to do two small stations at once. Sherman Avenue is property donated by Quinnipiac. Station 5 would stay where it is but he isn't sure what the Mayor's plan is for them..

6. Executive Session.

-To conduct interviews for the purpose of hiring one (1) Certified Firefighter/Paramedic position.

There were three candidates for one new hire. Commissioners were assigned questions to be asked of the candidates.

Mr. Iezzi made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews for one Certified Firefighter/Paramedic position. Ms. Lobo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The Commission went into executive session at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to end the executive session at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Iezzi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Candido announced that the Commission has chosen John Coughlin as the new hire. Mr. Candido will inform the candidates. He doesn't give the name of the new hire to those that were not chosen.

The Hamden Fire Department web site has been updated.

7. Next meeting date – June 11, 2014

8. Adjournment.

Ms. Lobo made a motion to adjourn. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Acting Clerk