

# ***Town of Hamden Fire Commission***

## Minutes of the Special Meeting

November 12, 2014

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**Attending:** Henry Candido, James O'Brien, Richard Reilly, Fire Chief Berardesca, Deputy Fire Chief Merwede

**Absent:** Andrea Lobo

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Candido called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

It was noted of one correction to the agenda regarding item #2, approval of the minutes of the October meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Candido entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Mr. O'Brien motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2014, seconded by Mr. Reilly. *The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Public Media**

Mr. O'Brien received an acknowledgement from the local charity organization thanking the Fire Department for their support with this year's event: "Vials for Life" and "Files for Life" held November 1, 2014. The program booklet was distributed to the Commissioners and the Fire Chief.

**Old Business** Nothing to present.

### **New Business**

Mr. Candido noted for the record the recent letter from M. Iezzi addressed to Mayor Jackson regarding this resignation from the Fire Commission. Mr. Iezzi could no longer serve on the Town's Commission since he is no longer a resident of Hamden. The mayor is seeking a new appointment.

Fire Chief Berardesca received a letter from resident, Ms. Holland, thanking the department for their efforts in assisting her with fire alarm detectors. The department makes effort to help those in need with the proper smoke and fire alarm devices as much as possible.

The Fire Chief reported that a new program for officers will be available. This is a great opportunity for each to receive training and/or refreshment courses.

As we work to promote fire safety and education to the residents and public, Home Depot is donating approximately 100 smoke detectors to the Department.

We recently held an in-service with the staff, which included guest speaker Harold Schaitburger, who talked on the subject of health and safety.

Current projects:

- repairs were made to the concrete floor at Station house #4
- waiting for repairs to the doors at Station houses #3 and #9

Fire Chief Berardesca informed the Commissioners that two of our staff has put in for their retirement, and there will be an informal send-off held November 28. Further information will be distributed confirming the time and location.

By the next meeting, December 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have a number of interviews scheduled for the same evening. Attendance will be imperative.

**Executive Session** At 6:10 p.m. Mr. O'Brien made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor. At this time, Ms. LeMoine withdrew from the meeting.

At 6:20 p.m. Mr. Reilly made the motion to end Executive Session and was seconded by Mr. O'Brien. All were in favor. Ms. LeMoine entered the meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting is Wednesday December 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is held at the Memorial Town Hall first floor conference room.

**Adjournment**

At 6:25 p.m. Mr. O'Brien motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reilly. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Recorded by,

***Patrice A. LeMoine***

Clerk for the Commission