

Town of Hamden Fire Commission

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

March 11, 2015

Attending: **Commissioners:** Henry Candido, Eric Curtis, James O'Brien, and Richard Reilly. **Staff:** Fire Chief Berardesca and Deputy Fire Chief Merwede and **Clerk:** Patrice LeMoine.

Call to Order: Chairman Candido called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, February 11 and February 18, 2015 meetings. Mr. O'Brien motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Updates regarding proposed 2015-14 FY Department Budget: The Fire Chief provided the Commissioners with the status of the 2015-14 budget. On March 16 the Mayor will present his proposed budget to the Town Council. Afterward, it will be posted on the Town's website. From there, the Fire Department will go before the Town Council on March 25. The Town Council's regular meeting is scheduled March 30, which should include opportunity for the public to speak.

Also to note, the Firefighters' union contract will be presented to the Town Council for a vote on March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session: Mr. Candido requested a motion to go into Executive Session. At 6:09 p.m. Mr. O'Brien made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose to conduct interviews as noted on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curtis. All were in favor. At this time, Ms. LeMoine withdrew from the meeting.

At 6:46 p.m. Ms. LeMoine entered the meeting. Mr. O'Brien made the motion to end executive session and was seconded by Mr. Reilly. All were in favor.

Nomination: Mr. Candido requested nominations to fill one (1) Firefighter/Paramedic position:

Mr. O'Brien motioned to appoint Thomas Paranzino to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Fire Chief Merwede informed the Commissioners that the swearing-in ceremony for Mr. Paranzino will be announced at a later time. Pending the start-date and swearing-in of the new firefighter, his tentative orientation schedule will be drafted.

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Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is held at the Memorial Town Hall first floor conference room.

Adjournment: At 6:47 p.m. Mr. Curtis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reilly. The motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by,

Patrice A. LeMoine
Clerk for the Commission