

Hamden Fire Commissioners
Administration Building, in the Large Conference Room
Minutes of the of December 9, 2009

In Attendance: Henry Candido, Michael D'Andrea, Richard Reilly, Robert LaToracca, and Duane Wetmore. **Also in Attendance:** Fire Chief David Berardesca and Clerk for the Commission Patrice LeMoine.

Call to Order: Chairman, H. Candido called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Candido confirmed the attendance and then reviewed the agenda.

Minutes: H. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting. D. Wetmore made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Correspondence: Fire Chief Berardesca shared a few letters to the Commissioners. He noted a letter from the Mills family and one from Hamden Police Chief thanking the Department for providing emergency services to Police Officer Mills. There were other letters of appreciation for the Department's emergency services from the Town residents.

The letter addressed to Town Clerk, Vera Morrison, was previously distributed for the Commissioner's review. The letter provides the 2010 meeting schedule for the Fire Commission. R. LaToracca made the motion to approve the schedule as presented. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor. P. LeMoine will forward the letter will be presented to the Town Clerk's office.

Department Report: H. Candido asked the members of the Commission to review the activity reports from the Fire Marshal, Training/EMS and Repairs and Maintenance for the month of November. The Commissioners thanked Fire Chief Berardesca for his report.

Public/Media Comments on Agenda: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Fire Chief Berardesca gave an update and spoke about the need to request tests for Entry-Level Firefighters, Fire Captain, and Fire Battalion Chief positions for future placements. Civil Services will need to conduct the tests and this would be a two-month process. There are some very strong qualified candidates out there and it would be a great opportunity to have them working in the Department.

New Business: The recent RFP for the Fire Headquarters has been submitted. The proposal requests for land or property owners to present a bid of interest for the new headquarters. This will depend on the property owners, and we hope to have many opportunities. Some discussion on the subject was exchanged. There are options of leasing or construction for the headquarters, pending on the bid opportunities.

Executive Session: H. Candido requested a motion to go into Executive Session. M. D'Andrea made the motion to go into session for the purpose of discussion with the Fire Chief regarding Department issues. R. LaToracca seconded the motion. All were in favor. At 6:20 p.m. P. LeMoine left the meeting.

At 6:41 p.m. P. LeMoine returned to the conference room. M. D'Andrea made the motion to end Executive Session. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Discussion with Department Head: Nothing further to discuss.

Regular Meeting: The next Regular Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: R. LaToracca made the **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. M. D'Andrea seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recorded by,

Patrice A. LeMoine

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