

**Hamden Fire Commissioners**  
**Administration Building, in the Large Conference Room**  
**Minutes of the of January 13, 2010**

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**In Attendance:** Henry Candido, Richard Reilly, Robert LaToracca, and Duane Wetmore.

**Absent:** Michael D'Andrea. **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.

**Election of Officers for Fire Commission:** With the absence of M. D'Andrea; and the Commissioners waiting for the official and confirmation of appointments, R. Reilly made the motion to table the election of Officers for the Commission until the next meeting. R. LaToracca seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Minutes:** H. Candido requested a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 meeting. D. Wetmore made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At this time, R. LaToracca made the motion for the Chairman to use his discretion of changing or tabling the items on the agenda as deemed appropriate at this evening's meeting. D. Wetmore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Correspondence:** Fire Chief Berardesca shared a few letters to the Commissioners. He noted letters were shared from various residents and entities complimenting the Department for their fine work and efforts.

Fire Chief Berardesca noted at today's Retirement Board meeting, Deputy Fire Chief Clark Hurlburt submitted his request for retirement from the Department. The Board accepted the request and Deputy Fire Chief Hurlburt's retirement will be effective January 31, 2010. Announcements of a farewell reception for Mr. Hurlburt will be extended to the Fire Commission when confirmed.

H. Candido noted Mayor S. Jackson and M. Looney were recently viewed on the Public TV station. The information about the Fire Department, the services and it statistics were a bit inaccurate.

**Department Report:** H. Candido noted the activity reports from the Fire Marshal, Training/EMS and Repairs and Maintenance for the month of December were disclosed to the Commissioners for review. The Commissioners thanked Fire Chief Berardesca for his report.

**2010-11 Proposed Budget:** Fire Chief Berardesca submitted the Fire Department's preliminary budget for 2010-11 to the Mayor and the Finance Director. A copy of the draft was given to the Commissioners. One correction was made to the "Positions" section and resubmitted. D. Wetmore made the motion to accept the Fire Department's proposed budget as submitted with the Commissioners to review the material after this evening's meeting. R. LaToracca seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Public/Media Comments on Agenda:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Tabled.

**New Business:** Tabled.

**Executive Session:** H. Candido requested a motion to go into Executive Session. R. LaToracca made the motion to go into session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the hiring of one Fire Lieutenant position. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor. At 6:12 p.m. P. LeMoine left the meeting.

At 7:07 p.m. P. LeMoine returned to the conference room. R. Reilly made the motion to end Executive Session. D. Wetmore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

D. Wetmore made the motion to appoint Hugh O'Callahan to the position of Fire Lieutenant. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Candido and Fire Chief Berardesca invited Mr. O'Callahan back to the meeting. They congratulated Fire Lieutenant O'Callahan on his promotion. Mr. O'Callahan thanked the Commissioners on their decision and their confidence in him. The appointment will be in effect January 14, 2010. Mayor S. Jackson and Town Clerk V. Morrison will hold the swearing-in ceremony at the Town Hall Conference Room, on third floor, the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion with Department Head:** Nothing further to discuss.

**Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** R. LaToracca made the **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. R. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Recorded by,

**Patrice A. LeMoine**

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