

Town of Hamden
Fire Commission
Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Memorial Town Hall at 2372 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

A special meeting of the Hamden Fire Commission opened on January 12, 2022 at the Hamden Memorial Town Hall, in Legislative Council Auditorium, located at 2372 Whitney Avenue.

Commissioners in Attendance: Oswald Brown, Henry Candido, Eric Curtis, and James O'Brien. Also in Attendance: Fire Chief Gary Merwede; and Clerk for the Commission Patrice LeMoine.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Candido called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. For the record, a quorum was present.
2. Mr. Candido requested approval of the consent agenda. On a motion made by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Curtis, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved agenda 2a. Minutes – March 11, 2020, December 2, 2020, September 22, 2021, November 3, 2021, and December 15, 2021 as presented.
3. **Executive Session:** Mr. Candido requested a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the hiring of two Fire Captain and two Fire Lieutenant positions. At 5:15 p.m., Mr. Curtis motioned and was seconded by Mr. O'Brien. All were in favor. Ms. LeMoine withdrew from the meeting.

For the record, at 5:27 p.m. Mr. Brown entered the meeting.

At 7:47 p.m., Ms. LeMoine entered the meeting. Mr. Candido then requested a motion to end the executive session. Mr. Curtis motioned to come out of executive session and Mr. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Candido stated that during the executive session the Commissioners unanimously approved the following officers to the position of Fire Captain: Richard Lennon and Michael Dowling.

The Commissioner unanimously voted to appoint the following officers to the position of Fire Lieutenant: Michael DeLine, Jr. and Lawrence DeBurra.

The Fire Chief noted the swearing-in ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 14, 2022.

Fire Chief Merwede took this opportunity to thank the Commissioners for their service to the Department and the Town. As he is reaching 28 years working for the department,

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and during his time as Fire Chief, he said it has been a pleasure working with this Commission and complimented them for the work when conducting several hirings of very competent firefighters and officers. We have some great men and women working for the fire department. Mr. Brown thanked him for his professionalism and fine work as a leader representing the fire department.

4. **Adjournment:** Mr. Candido requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. O'Brien motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Brown seconded, and all were in favor.

Submitted by:

s/Patrice A. LeMoine

Clerk for the Commission