



Board of Fire Commissioners

1 First Street

Seymour, Connecticut 06483

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2008

7pm

Great Hill Hose Company

Commissioners Attending: Ugo Zullo, Scott Martin, Al Rochelle

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept October Meeting Minutes as presented by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle.

Approved 3-0

Correspondence:

1. Letter from 1st Selectman Bob Koskelowski stating there is currently no money allocated for the purchase of a new Rescue truck for Citizens.
2. Board of Finance letter stating with the up coming budget, departments need to be tight with there requests because there are low funds within the town.

Financial Report:

1. Commissioner Rochelle said there are currently 12 open P.O.'s. He explained a few. The Fire Officer I class was cancelled, along with its P.O. Commissioner Rochelle asked about the gas cards. Chief Andrews said they are being handled by the Police Chief.
2. Chairman Zullo said he received a call from Commissioner Lombardi stating people are going to Oxford Paint & Hardware and purchasing equipment against the open P.O.

Fire Marshal Report:

- Fire Marshal Wetowitz read the Summary of Office Activity for October 2008. **Motion made to accept report as presented by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-0**

Chief's Minutes:

- **Motion made to accept minutes as written by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-0**

Discussion:

1. Commissioner Martin asked about the maintenance report and T-14 issues. Chief Andrews explained that Asst. Chief Tomasheski was concerned it seems like every month something small goes wrong.
2. Commissioner Martin also asked about the NIMS 300 class and the lack of Great Hill Officers. Chief Andrews said the class is mandatory and a commitment was given to the town. The class will need to be made up by individuals who missed it and they may need to find their own test site.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Zullo discussed the Ordinance change for Chief appointment date/term. He said that 1st Selectman Koskelowski wants to know in advance if the current Chief will be keeping the current term 6mos. longer or if it will be given up 6mos. early. He asked that Chief Andrews have a decision by next months meeting.
2. Lt. Lewis asked about the gear washer at Citizens. Commissioner Rochelle said he asked one of the engineers to get some liquid to put down the drain. He said he cleaned the drain and will look into its progress.
3. **Motion made to send a letter to the Board of Selectman stating that NIMS 300 has been completed by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-0**

New Business:

1. Chairman Zullo stated 1st Selectman Koskelowski asked if anyone knew of a candidate for the open unaffiliated Commissioner position. Chief Andrews said he has spoken with one individual and they will

be contacting the town hall.

2. 2009 meeting schedule dates reviewed. **Motion made to accept dates by Commissioner Martin, 2nd Commissioner Rochelle.**

Approved 3-0

3. Chief Andrews said he is looking at December 1st for a combined meeting to accept new R-17.

4. Commissioner Rochelle asked about letters of intent for Fire Chief. All 4 Chiefs will turn them in by next months meeting.

5. Commissione Rochelle asked if anyone knew when Capital Improvements need to go before the Board of Selectman. Chief Andrews said its usually in January but, he believes it may be in December this year.

Public Comment: None

Requisitions: Reviewed by Chief Andrews.

- **Motion made to accept Chief's Requisitions as discussed by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle.**

Approved 3-0

Other Business:

1. Commissioner Martin asked Chief Andrews if he had known about the placement of a Nextel repeater for direct connect on the building at Great Hill. Apparently, the individual (s) responsible said they had gone before the Board of Fire Chiefs. Chairman Zullo asked why that would even be a decision of the Chiefs, he said its a building issue and that would have to come before this Board or the respective company. Asst. Chief Tomasheski requested that the Emergency Management Director or someone from the Communications Commission attend this meeting quarterly, to give communication updates. **Motion made to send letter to the Communications Commission/ Emergency Management Director and 1st Selectman Koskelowski stating any modifications that include the fire department, unless standard maintenance need to be brought before the Board of Fire Commissioners by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Martin.**

Approved 3-0

Executive Session: None

**Motion made to adjourn at 8:05pm by Commissioner Martin, 2nd
by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Lombardi".

Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary

