

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2011**

Attending the meeting is Chairman Wayne Malicki, Vice Chairman Tim Ryan, Secretary Armand Brodeur, Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton, Commissioner Robert Allen, Alternate Commissioner Tom McKirryher, Chief Ken Hanks, and Burgess Liaison Tamath Rossi.

Absent was Mayor Bob Mezzo.

Chairman Malicki called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Chairman Malicki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by R. Allen to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting.

FOR:

W. Malicki

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by A. Brodeur to accept NFD Administrative Reports.

FOR:

W. Malicki

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by R. Allen to move the Fire Police from 10 to 3A

FOR:

W. Malicki

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Captain John Deer introduced Chris DeCato who read the Fire Police Report for August, and requested permission for the Fire Police to assist at the annual State Firemen's Parade, on September 18th in Clinton, Connecticut. They would be covered by a special blanket insurance policy in force for anyone participating or assisting with the event.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to allow the Fire Police to assist at the State Firemen's Parade, based on the certificate of insurance coming.

FOR:

W. Malicki

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

R. Allen

By a majority vote the motion carried

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by A. Brodeur to move the Plan Review from 7 to 3B.

FOR:

W. Malicki
T. Ryan
A. Brodeur
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Plan Review

Earl R. Lindgren, Architect, representing Hillside Covenant Church, presented plans in order to apply for a special permit to change the parsonage at Hillside Covenant Church from a residence to business use. He also presented and a letter from Acting Deputy Marshal Robert Weaver outlining what needs to be done to bring the building up to code. They will be bringing in an organization named Wellpath.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by T. Ryan to approve the plans.

FOR:

W. Malicki
T. Ryan
A. Brodeur
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Acting Fire Marshal Robert Weaver presented Fulling Mills Development LLC site plans for Fulling Mills Commons on Prospect Street. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by A. Brodeur to approve the plans with the recommendations provided by Acting Fire Marshal Robert Weaver.

FOR:

W. Malicki
T. Ryan
A. Brodeur
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Correspondence

Chairman Malicki read an Editorial from the Waterbury Republican American written by Noreen Bzenas thanking the department, and Captain Alfes, FF Patterson, and FF W. Seaman for their help with flooding, on August 10th. A thank you to the department from Pat Natowich; a thank you to DC Murray from Mary Clericuzio; a thank you from Helen and Richard Randall, which included a donation, and a thank you from Mayor Mezzo to the firefighters and the dispatchers. Chairman Malicki also read a letter to Chief, which accompanied a Naugatuck Retired Firefighter Badge, from John G. Epster.

Deputy Chief Murray read a letter from Sharon Gamache, Program Director of the High-Risk Outreach Programs of the National Fire Protection Association notifying the Deputy Chief, Teresa Stieber, Director of NVNA, and Tamath Rossi, Burgess that they have won a scholarship to attend Fire and Fall Prevention

Remembering When™, Program for Older Adults in December.

Local 1219

There was no report.

NEMAC

Chief Hanks reported that we have 2,000 MRE's left from Hurricane Irene, and will be donating them to the Ecumenical Food Bank. Due to the extensive use for the Code Red system during Hurricane Irene, we have used all of our minutes, including an extra 20,000 we were given. We will be reimbursed by FEMA to replace those minutes. Residents may recover some damages by the storm, not covered by insurance, may be covered by FEMA. There is always extensive flooding in certain areas in Naugatuck. The tabletop exercise will take place, in October.

Budget Transfers and Review

There were no transfers.

Committee Reports

There were no reports. Chairman Malicki reported that the date, in September, set by the Commendation Program was premature and it has been changed to January 12, 2012.

Comments from Commissioners:

R. Allen asked that the Commission look into single side of street parking in several neighborhoods, and commercial areas in the community where it is impossible for a fire truck to get by. A discussion was held.

Chairman Malicki spent two days at headquarters, during Hurricane Irene, and was very impressed by the cooperation of the PD, the administration, and other agencies in town. Chairman Malicki congratulated Tamath Rossi on her run and fundraising in Bob Veillette's 5K Road Race. Congratulations to FF Stephen Hebb on his upcoming marriage, and congratulations to Fire Captain David Seeger on being selected as the Exchange Club's Fire Fighter of the Year, in recognition of his work in the community.

Comments from the Public:

Burgess Liaison Tamath Rossi commented that there will be a Public Hearing for the EMS will meet on September 19th, 7pm in the Hall of Burgesses. She was very impressed with the department's organization, and handling of problems during Hurricane Irene; thanked the department for the tour for the Triad group; thanked the department for their donation for the 5K Road Race.

DC Murray presented a poster that is being placed around town for September's National Preparedness Month. Also the department is trying for \$10,000 through Liberty Mutual's Be Fire Smart Fire Safety Pledge program.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by R. Allen the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

FOR:

W. Malicki
T. Ryan
A. Brodeur
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Louise Ross