

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2011**

Attending the meeting were Chairman Wayne Malicki, Vice Chairman Tim Ryan, Secretary Armand Brodeur, Commissioner Robert Allen, Alternate Commissioner Tom McKirryher, Chief Ken Hanks and Burgess Liaison Mindy Fragoso.

Absent were Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton and Mayor Bob Mezzo.

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

Chairman Malicki asked Alternate Commissioner Tom McKirryher to sit in for Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by R. Allen to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

W. Malicki
A Brodeur
T. Ryan
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

By a majority vote the motion carried.

T. McKirryher asked if the NFD Administrative Reports could include Air Packs and small engines, A discussion was held.

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

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

W. Malicki
A Brodeur
T. Ryan
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

By a majority vote the motion carried

Correspondence

T. McKirryher read a letter from Lt. Robert Allen of the NPD thanking the members of the department and the color guard for their support with the memorial for Officer Nancy Nichols and especially FF Hebb for covering for Dispatcher Orsini.

Chairman Malicki read a letter from Colonel Thomas E. Boland of the Connecticut Army National Guard inviting the department to the annual Connecticut Armed Forces Day Luncheon honoring service members, on Friday, May 20, 2011

Chairman Malicki note of thanks and appreciation from Dr. Robert Matusz for the department's assistance with the flooding of his basement on March 6, 2011.

Chairman Malicki read a letter from Deputy Marshal Robert Weaver notifying the department of his vacation time April 1-8, 2011.

Local 1219

FF Hebb thanked the Chief for being able to finish off storage in the attic, in which to store the toys that were left over from the Christmas Toy Drive. And, asked for permission to use the back bay for the annual

Easter Flower Sale from April 21-April 24. He also invited the Commission to the Annual Headstart Reading Program on April 12th. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by T. Ryan to allow the department to use the back bay for the Annual Easter Flower Sale.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

W. Malicki

A Brodeur

T. Ryan

R. Allen

T. McKirryher

By a majority vote the motion carried

NEMAC

Chief Hanks reported that they will be participating in a regional exercise, on April 15, at the police department with 10-12 surrounding towns, working with their PD's and Public Works departments, simulating the collapse of the mix master in Waterbury; setting up emergency operations centers. NEMAC is also working with the PD and IT Director Jim Kallipolites on Emergency Management Plans, in the case of the town losing power, for each of the town buildings and to be sure they all meet OSHA evacuation plans. A discussion was held.

Plan Review

There were no plans

Budget Transfers and Review

Chief Hanks will be attending the Finance Board meeting next Monday, April 11th for approval of the transfers that were discussed at last months meeting.

Committee Reports

Chief Hanks reported that the Fire Police has eight members, they all have had training, have all their gear, and the by-laws, and are responding to calls.

Comments from Commissioners:

Chairman Malicki introduced Burgess Liaison Fragoso to Deputy Chief Murray. The Burgess's will be voting on Deputy Chief Murray's contract tomorrow night, and also Chief Hanks. Chairman Malicki read an invitation to the New England Fire Chiefs Show would be held June 24-26. A discussion was held.

Commissioner Allen commended FF Hebb for handling a medical emergency while he was working at the PD as a dispatcher. A discussion of how 911 calls are filtered through dispatch centers was held.

Commission Allen commented on what a great job Assistant Marshal Scanlon did organizing the Annual Poster Contest that was held in March.

Commissioner Ryan welcomed Deputy Fire Chief Murray, and thanked Burgess Liaison Fragoso for her great support and commitment to the commission and the department over the years. She will be missed. He also commented on the Chief's Newsletter that he received by email, and what a great job he did on it.

Alternate Commissioner McKirryher commented on the addition of the Mechanic's Report to the Chief's Administrative and suggested that information about the air packs and small engines be included.

Comments from the Public:

Burgess Liaison Fragoso addressed Deputy Chief Murray and commented on how excited she is that she is here and the wonderful things she heard that preceded her hiring. And, Congratulated the commission for finding her. She also a questioned FF Hebb further on the incident that he handled as dispatcher at the PD.

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

FOR:

W. Malicki

A Brodeur

T. Ryan

R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Louise Ross