

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2011**

Attending the meeting are Chairman Wayne Malicki, Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton, Commissioner Robert Allen, Alternate Commissioner Tom McKirryher, Chief Ken Hanks and Burgess Liaison Mindy Fragoso.

Absent were Vice Chairman Tim Ryan, Secretary Armand Brodeur, and Mayor Bob Mezzo.

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

Chairman Malicki appointed Alternate Commissioner Tom McKirryher to sit in for Secretary Armand Brodeur.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

By a majority vote the motion carried.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to accept NFD Administrative Reports.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

By a majority vote the motion carried

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to move Plan Review from Item 7 to Item 4, and make Correspondence 7A.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

By a majority vote the motion carried

Plan Review

Chief Hanks presented plans for expansion for Shep's Auto Body, on New Haven Road, Naugatuck. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by T. McKirryher to accept the plans as presented.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

By a majority vote the motion carried

Correspondence

Chairman Malicki read a letter from the Harvest Moon Festival Committee of their plans for expansion, and closing Division Street. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to support the Festival.
FOR: W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Chairman Malicki read a letter from at Pat Wagner, and Kim Eyre of the Parks & Recreation Department thanking the department for their participation and support for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Chairman Malicki read an invitation to the 20th Annual Memorial Ceremony, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 10 am, from the Chief David Martin of the Waterbury Fire Department.

Local 1219

Union President Jim Ricci reported on the successful Easter Flower Sale, and thanked Second Assistant Chief Russell for a phenomenal job in the past week, in the absence of the Chief and Deputy Chief. A discussion was held.

NEMAC

Chief Hanks reported on the regional exercise, on April 15. A formal report will be coming out soon. A discussion was held.

Budget Transfers and Review

There were none.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to add Item 8A) Status of Fire Equipment to the agenda.
FOR: W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Status of Fire Equipment

Chief Hanks reported on the status of the Fire Engines, and various equipment. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to retire Engine 8 effective immediately.
FOR: W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to pursue the purchase of a new rescue tool with the funds derived from the sale of Engine 8.
FOR: W. Malicki

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

By a majority vote the motion carried

Committee Reports

There were no reports.

Comments from Commissioners:

R. Allen commented on a letter in the Administrative Reports, written by Captain Alfes, and that, in the future, both chiefs should not be out of town, at the same time again. A discussion was held. T. McKirryher commented that the rescue tool should be a priority, and not be put off until the sale of Engine 8. A discussion was held. R. Allen asked that an updated Air Pak Report be added to the Administrative Report. Chairman Malicki commented that he will have copies of the Chief's and the Deputy Chief's contracts.

Comments from the Public:

John Deer commented that he thought that the Fire Police were going to be an item on the agenda.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton to add Fire Police to the agenda as 11A.

FOR:

W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

John Deer reported that four of the Fire Police have exceeded the required number of calls for their probationary status, and therefore he would recommend that they come off probation. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton that the recommended probationer's be made regular fire police, based upon the required documentation.

FOR:

W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Burgess Liaison Mindi Fragoso questioned if the life saving tool was part of the Capital Budget. A discussion was held. And, she congratulated the Commission and department as one of the best in town, doing excellent work, in the line of duty, and off duty activities. She thanked everyone in the department for the open door policy, during her time as Burgess Liaison.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

FOR:

W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen
T. McKirryher

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Louise Ross