

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2010**

Attending the meeting were Chairman Michael Bogis, Vice Chairman Wayne Malicki, Secretary Armand Brodeur, Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton, Fire Chief Charles R. Doback, Jr. Commissioner Tim Ryan joined at 7:15pm.

Absent were Alternate Commissioner Robert Allen, and Deputy Chief Ken Hanks.

Excused was Mayor, Bob Mezzo and Mindy Fragoso, Burgess Liaison.

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

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2010 Commission Meetings amending Comments from Commissioner's first sentence of the third paragraph to read: R. Allen rescinded his request for Local 1219 to be on the agenda.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
A Brodeur
S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by W. Malicki to accept the NFD Administrative Reports.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
T. Ryan
A Brodeur
S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Correspondence:

A. Brodeur read a thank you from the officers and members of Beacon Hose Co. No. 1 for the use of the ladder truck for Kevin Swan's funeral.

A. Brodeur read a thank you from the Swan Family to the officers and members of NFD for their participation in the memorial service, and for honoring and saluting Kevin Swan.

A. Brodeur read a letter from Principal Evelyn Gobstein of Central Avenue School, of appreciation for the department's participation in Family & Community Partnerships Program on April 13, 2010.

A. Brodeur read a letter from the Harvest Moon Committee about their plans for their Annual Harvest Moon Festival on September 17th & 18th and request to use the sign posted at the fire department. A discussion of the signs demise, and replacement was held.

Chairman Bogis read a letter from Louis Grella stating his intention to retire on July 14, 2010. A discussion was held.

NEMAC:

There was no report.

Plan Review

Chief Doback presented plans for the Gunntown Park and Conservation Area. A Land Use Plan Review, and Application for a Site Plan Special Permit Approval. The Land Use Plan Review has been approved. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by T Ryan to address a letter to the town engineer to approve the Application for a Site Plan Special Permit Approval.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

M. Bogis

W. Malicki

T. Ryan

A Brodeur

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Budget Transfers and Review

Chief Doback reported on the request for a transfer of \$ 134.07 from Eastside's Fuel Oil Account to Eastside's Maintenance of Equipment for the balance of repairing a heating pipe; and reported on the increase of \$200 to be added in next year's budget to the Education Stipend line item for a firefighter who now has completed his degree.

Drug Testing NFD – discussion and update

Chief Doback was happy to say that after numerous meetings and years of review, the Borough Attorney, present committee and the Mayor have come to an agreement on language for the program. The program will now go to the union membership for approval and becomes part of the contract. A discussion was held.

Committee Report:

W. Malicki reported that the Personnel Management/Labor Committee has done some research this month and is planning a meeting to finalize things, and will be reporting back at next months meeting.

Chairman Bogis reported that he needs two volunteers for appraisal of the Chief's. Wayne Malicki and A. Brodeur volunteered.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur to add to the agenda New Firefighter Hiring, after Fire Police.

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

M. Bogis

W. Malicki

T. Ryan

A Brodeur

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

By a majority vote the motion carried

Fire Police

Chairman Bogis commented in conversations with the chief's it was mentioned that recently there has been no response whatsoever. Ken is putting together the activity of the last six months. A discussion was held.

New Firefighter Hiring

Chief Doback reported that with FF Grella retiring, he wanted to bring to the attention of the Commission that in August 25, 2008 this commission approved the list for the last firefighter's examination. The list will expire on August 25, 2010. A discussion was held.

Comments from Commissioners:

W. Malicki commented on plans for the Memorial Day Parade. A discussion was held.

A. Brodeur commented that he responded to the large fire this past month, and commended the entire Department's handling of a major fire; coordination with Waterbury, and Middlebury Fire Departments and the need for more personnel in a very risky situation.

W. Malicki commented that he had a very exciting report from his three-year-old grandson told him that he was at the fire department, and "Mr. Bill" (Fire Inspector Scanlon) read him a book, and also about Firefighter "Jason" (Alford), whom he also met. He was one of the children that attended the Annual Discovery Reading Program, held at the Fire Department, by Local 1219 and Headstart.

Comments from the Public:

Union Vice President Seeger asked what the outcome of the Labor/Commission Committee meeting was. Chairman Bogis stated that they had a discussion and there were two main topics to the discussion 1) why it was taken off the agenda. That was because nothing was brought to the commission for over a year, if you went back in the minutes; 2) it was put up to all of the commissioners if they wanted to ad it back on. And it was no. It was the consensus of the commission. A discussion was held. It was agreed that Local 1219 would be put on the agenda for next month, and bring it up for discussion again.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A Brodeur the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
T. Ryan
A Brodeur
S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Louise Ross