

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2009

Attending the meeting were Chairman Michael Bogis, Vice Chairman Tim Ryan, Secretary Armand Brodeur, Commissioner Wayne Malicki, Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton, Alternate Commissioner Robert Allen, Fire Chief Charles R. Doback, Jr., Deputy Chief Ken Hanks, 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 A. Brodeur and seconded by W. Malicki to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2009 meeting.

FOR:

M. Bogis

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

W. Malicki

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

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

FOR:

M. Bogis

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

W. Malicki

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Local 1219 Issues:

President Ricci requested the Fire Commission to look into Swift Water Training, be looked into by the commission and thanked Commissioner Allen for helping him out, on Friday, assisting an individual to safety, from the Naugatuck River.

NEMAC:

Deputy Chief Hanks reported that they met with the PD last month to begin training on the emergency center equipment. He also received a favorable report from Operation Gridlock, which took place last month.

Plan Review

Chief Doback presented plans from Beth Line Associates, LLC. for the Industrial Park, Lot 3 on Great Hill Road for an office building. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by W. Malicki to allow the Chief to use his recommendations for the property.

FOR:

M. Bogis

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

W. Malicki

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Mezzo

By a majority vote the motion carried.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur to add to the agenda the increase of FF Seaman's to Step Three.

<u>FOR:</u>	<u>AGAINST:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
M. Bogis		
T. Ryan		
A. Brodeur		
W. Malicki		
S. Ruggeri-Thornton		
Mayor Mezzo		

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by T. Ryan to increase FF Seaman's to Step Three. A discussion was held.

<u>FOR:</u>	<u>AGAINST:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
M. Bogis		
T. Ryan		
A. Brodeur		
W. Malicki		
S. Ruggeri-Thornton		
Mayor Mezzo		

#### Budget Transfers and Review

There were no transfers.

#### Drug Testing NFD – discussion and update

Mayor Mezzo reported that they are still negotiating and moving forward with discussion; meetings are scheduled to firm up the language.

#### Comments from Commissioners:

Alternate Commissioner Allen brought up the training and equipment needed for Swift Water training and suggested that a committee be formed to investigate and put together a report. A discussion was held.

Alternate Commissioner Allen said that the Commission should write a letter to the Board of Burgesses expressing their disappointment with the Board turning down the Safer Grant. The community is growing, and the department needs to grow. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur to form a committee to identify the needs for equipment, training, personnel, and prioritizing those needs.

<u>FOR:</u>	<u>AGAINST:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
M. Bogis		
T. Ryan		
A. Brodeur		
W. Malicki		
S. Ruggeri-Thornton		
Mayor Mezzo		

Alternate Commissioner Allen commended the Deputy Chief and all of the firefighters on the water rescue, on Friday.

Commissioner Wayne Malicki thanked Mindy Fragoso for her support for the Safer Grant.

#### Comments from the Public:

Mindy Fragoso stated that she sees the need for the Safer Grant for the community and that is the reason she was so in favor of it. She had questions about Swift Water Rescue. A discussion was held.

Mindy questioned the requirements for driveways in and out of properties in the Industrial Park.

Stephen Hebb spoke about the water rescue on Friday night, and thanked Chairman Bogis, and Alternate Commissioner Allen for their help, and assistance; he thanked the Commission for their proactive support.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

FOR:

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

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

*Louise Ross*