

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
*Filed subject to approval***

Attendance: D. Buchanan, D. Katz, J. Miranda, R. Cable, J. Yeotsas  
Also in attendance: S. Waugh, P Neary, R. Klem

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:32pm. Commissioner Katz moved to approve the November 2021 minutes. Commissioner Yeotsas seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

It was decided that Commissioner Buchanan would stay on as Chairman of the Commission through March 2022 and the Commission would re-evaluate who might assume the Chairmanship at the April meeting. Commissioner Katz agreed to assume the duties as Secretary.

Robert Klem is now the new Fire Chief as Chief Waugh retired.

The Fire Chief gave his report. There were 45 incidents during December. For the year 2021 there were 551 calls which is in line with previous years.

Career Firefighter Jim Wright, who joined the Department in 1974, retired as of today.

The Fire Marshall gave his report. Fire Marshall Peter Neary completed his certification to be the town Open Burning Official. He will be reappointed once approved by the State of CT. His current certification expires 1/31/2022. The Fire Marshall did encourage the Commission to submit an Open Burning Ordinance to the Town as it is needed. The Commission decided to table this discussion until after the 2022 budget season.

Engine 4 was sold for \$12,500, net to the Town after sales commission was \$11,875 which was returned to the capital accrual account.

The 2021-2022 budget is in line with projections and there were no issues mentioned. The commission reviewed the 2022-2023 budget. Commissioner Katz made a motion to approve the budget for presentation to the First Selectman for review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cable. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfortunately, no one has yet to respond to the dry hydrant plan RFP. Costs are significantly higher than initially projected and the grant has expired. The discussion was tabled until the April meeting.

Commissioner Katz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Cable. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Commissioner David Katz, Secretary