

## **Board of Fire Commissioners**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 16, 2022**

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Attendance: D. Buchanan, R. Cable, J. Miranda, J. Yeotsas

Also in attendance: P. Neary, R. Klem

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Commissioner Buchanan moved to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

Fire Marshal Neary reported that the structure fire investigations are complete to date, and closed. Inspections are up to date and solutions to deficiencies noted are proceeding satisfactorily. The Open Burning program functioning at this point with burning permitted under permit conditions.

Chief Klem gave his report:

- There were 41 calls in September and 50 in October, keeping us on pace for a normal pace to 500+/- for the year. Notably, 13 calls were EMS Supplemental First Responder calls in September.
- Fire Training at the Fairfield Fire School next week will be on School Bus Extrication.
- A Fire I class will be held at Easton Fire Headquarters starting January 12, 2023. The class is in conjunction with Trumbull Fire Department with shared expenses.
- Currently we have 7 Volunteer members on Probation, with Assistant Chief Waugh providing additional (well attended) training as schedules permit.
- The recent recruitment mailing by the EVFC to the Town has been well received, developing a good number of responses.
- The air packs have been ordered and should be received in December. The grant request for assistance in this acquisition was denied, but the current budget provides for this contingency.
- The air compressor for air pack bottle refilling has malfunctioned recently, and was repaired. However, the Chief is evaluating possible solutions to this situation because of the age of the compressor. The unit was installed during the construction of the building 25 years ago. An unexpected lack of parts and the total unavailability of computer boards for this essential equipment was encountered in the repair.

- If the recent interest in fire department membership and the increase in Probationary membership develops as anticipated, additional Turnout Gear acquisition will be necessary.

The expenditures to date are in accordance with the approved budget. Planning for future need is always underway. Receipt of the Report from the Town's consultant is awaited.

There being no other business for the commission, Commissioner Yeotsas moved to adjourn. Commissioner Miranda seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted

David Buchanan, Chairman

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