

**FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Delucia, Vice Chairman Coyle, Commissioner Popolizio, Commissioner Tomasello, Commissioner Verderame

Staff Present: Chief Marcarelli, Asst. Chief Licata

The Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm.

A roll call was taken and a quorum declared.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as presented by Comm. Coyle and seconded by Comm. Tomasello

Motion carried

Unanimous

Reports:

Chief's Report:

Chief Summarized the monthly report. Repairs to Engine 5 are complete and truck is back in service. Truck has been out of service for about 3 months

Ladder tests and hose testing have been completed.

Fire Marshal and Training Officer's Report are included in the Chief's report.

Mutual Aid Agreement has been finalized and approved by the Town Attorney and Town.

Thermal image cameras will possibly be purchased with a grant. 2 or more cameras maybe purchased.

Buildings: Gear lockers have been placed at Headquarters, work on building at Headquarters completed, Hose dryers are being researched.

Personnel:

Firefighter Joseph Ciscone will be retiring on October 17, 2021
Asst. Chief Licata will be retiring September 18, 2021

Gomez/Callone will be attending Paramedic School in Nebreska.

Comm. Coyle questioned if the mutual aide agreement included North Haven or is it just with Branford at the moment. But North Branford has been a tremendous help

There were no other questions from the Commission.

A motion was made to accept the Chief's report as presented by Comm. Coyle and seconded by Comm. Popolizio.

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Asst. Chief Licata summarized his final report

A motion was made to accept the Asst. Chief's report by Comm Verderame and seconded by Comm. Coyle

The Commission wishes all the best to Asst. Chief Licata on his retirement.

Communication:

To: Board of Fire Commission
From: Asst. Chief Chuck Licata
RE: Retirement Letter

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished Business presented this evening

New Business: Chief mentioned the Life Insurance Policy for the Volunteer Firefighters, this insurance policy has never been finalized with the Board of Fire Commission. He also explained the point system. This is a \$25,000 life insurance policy and it may need some editing.

The insurance policy maybe outlined along with the tax abatement but needs to be discussed with the Volunteer Association and the Captains.

Commission decided to table this discussion until further notice.

Chief also explained the job description for the Assistant Chief position and passed out a copy of it. He also explained that this job is non-union and up to the Commission. Chief pulled the description from the note book and added a few things from an analysis. Applicant must have 10 years plus and be a Captain or above or 15 years of experience, also Fire Officer Qualification.

Commissioner Verderame questioned if the Captain option is added, that not all have 10 years

Chief answered that all candidates from Internal do not qualify with that option.

Must also have clean driving record, reseasonable response time to and from Fire Headquarters

Commission Coyle questioned if all 4 Captains eligible? Chief answered no because of the ten year option.

3 Battalion Chief's and one Captain are eligible, Commission questioned if the BC's and Captain are eligible with the 10 mile

Comm. Verderame questioned how many have FM Certification, answer is none. Asst. Chief did mention that classes are held during the day and last about 5-6 months

A motion was made to approve this job description with restrictions by Comm. Coyle and seconded by Comm. Tomasello

Motion Carried Unanimous

A motion was made to waive the testing for the Battalion Chief's position by Comm. Popolizio and seconded by Comm. Coyle

Motion Carried Unanimous

Timeline for Asst. Chief's position Chief requested we post for two weeks 8-31 to 9-14 by close of business.

Interviews with experts the week of Sept. 29, with a special meeting to be held on October 4

A motion was made to use \$750 of Commission budget to pay for the experts by Comm. Coyle and seconded by Comm. Popolizio

Motion Carried Unanimous

There were no other questions from the Commission at this time.

Public: There was no public comment this evening

Further Business: There was no Further business presented this evening

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Comm. Coyle and seconded by Comm. Popolizio

Motion Carried Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Apuzzo
Recording Secretary