



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Special Meeting

October 14, 2010

Fire Company #5

617 Maple Hill Avenue

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Seiler & Bogacz

Chief Chris Schroeder-Excused
Deputy Chief Tom Gill-Excused
Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis-Excused
Town Councilor David Nagel
Lt. Vin Jankowski
Lt. Cory Lachance
Josh Brunet

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre-Excused
Deputy Chief Frank Papa
Captain Ron Felton
Captain Eric Giansanti
Lt. Mike Wolf
Bill Pollock

Cadets: Scott Whalen
Dan Durity

Chris Ferri
Matt Oberstadt

III. Public Participation

IV. Communications

V. Ledger Status

Commissioner Seiler reviewed the Ledger Status Report and reported that it was on track for the year to date.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

The weekend in Massepequa was a great success and the group reported that they were treated extremely well. Food was great and everyone had a terrific time. Massepequa was very pleased with their gifts and wanted information on where they can purchase the blankets.

Deputy Chief Papa reported that there is actual progress on the Captain's Project and negotiations are being held with the vendors and they are looking at software. Manchester and South Windsor are also in negotiations along with us.

The Rules and Regulations Committee progress was reported by Cory Lachance. He stated corrections have been made in the punctuation and grammar portions of the document. Other items that were mentioned were the new member processing and officer appointments. Nothing has been removed from the current document.

Cory also reported the Fire Prevention Week Open House was a success and they had a good turnout. He reported that the individual companies handled the schools in their area.

The Blessing of the Badges ceremony is coming together. The ceremony will be held on November 11th at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Church.

The Fire Department, Police Department and the Ambulance Corp. will be participating and we are hoping that the friends and families will also join along with members of Town Government. The public is encouraged to attend. Dessert and coffee will be served immediately following the blessing in the church hall.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Schroeder has submitted a proposal for "Management Training" from Decision Point for training for our management staff. Those who would be included would be Chiefs, Captains and all Lieutenants in the first line supervisory group. This will be funded by a donation of \$ 36,000 received last year.

New ISO regulations will be adopted in January, 2011. Deputy Chief Gill is in the process of coordinating an informal review with officials from ISO.

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VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Captain Felton reported on the Dept. Picnic which was a success.

Captain Eric Giansanti made everyone aware how hard the Cadets have been working at Co.#5 to renovate and clean-up the facility. The next project is the day room.

Company #2 is sponsoring a "Comedy Night" at the Hawthorne Inn on Friday, October 15, 2010. Tickets are still available for \$25.00 and can be purchased at Co.#2 or at the door.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

The November meeting will be held on November 18th

Commissioner Seiler established the locations of the BFC meetings for January through July 2011.

January 13 – Co.#2	February 10 th – Co.#3	March 10 th – Co.#4
April 14 th – Co.#5	May 12 th – Co.#1	June 9 th – Co.#2
July 14 th – Co.#3.		

Lt. LaChance reported on the successful Fire Prevention Night.

Commissioner Bogacz commented on the Fire Prevention's Open House and how enthusiastic the people in attendance were.

Commissioner Seiler thanked Councilor Nagel for his excellent attendance at our meetings and providing us with insight into activities of the Town Council.

Commissioner Seiler spoke on how he has observed on many different occasions the training and dedication of our members. He wishes that the public could observe the time and the effort that it takes to volunteer.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Submitted By: _____
Sue Reniewicz – Board Secretary

