

Minutes  
Newington Town Council Special Meeting  
Fire Station Tour

February 6, 2012  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. at Fire Company No. 1, Main Street

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call

Councilor Bottalico  
Councilor Borjeson - Absent  
Councilor Castelle  
Councilor Cohen  
Councilor DelBuono  
Councilor Klett – Exited at 9:00 p.m.  
Councilor Nagel  
Councilor McBride  
Mayor Woods – Exited at 7:45 p.m.

Staff

John Salomone, Town Manager  
Chris Schroeder, Fire Marshal and Chief, NVFD  
Jaime Trevethan, Executive Assistant  
Michelle Almarode, Dial A Ride Driver

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA

Jim Lombardi – thanked the Council for giving the public the opportunity to tour the fire stations along with the Council. Mr. Lombardi attended the tour with the Councilors.

IV. TOUR OF FIRE STATIONS

The Town Council took a tour of the Town of Newington's fire stations in the following order:

- Fire Company #1 (Main Street)
- Fire Company #2 (Richard Street)
- Fire Company #4 (Fifth Street)
- Fire Company #5 – Cadet Facility (Maple Hill Avenue)
- Fire Company #3 – (West Hill Road)

The Council received an overview of the equipment, vehicles and facilities at each location, as well as an overview of operational procedures and training methods. Various Fire Commissioners, Officers, and Firefighters were in attendance at each location to answer Councilor questions. Fire Marshal/Chief Schroeder led the tour. Dial-A-Ride driver Michelle Almarode drove the Councilors to the various locations.

At the conclusion of the tour, the Council returned to Fire Company #1.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA

Fire Commissioner Bob Seiler thanked the Council for attending. He noted a concern among the Fire Commissioners and the Fire Department that people within the Town don't understand how the fire department operates, and although it is a volunteer department it is held to the same standards of training and professionalism as a paid department. He remarked that it is good for the Council to see how the budget is put to use.

XI. COMMENTS BY COUNCILORS

The Councilors thanked the Fire Chief and members for arranging for the tour and expressed appreciation to the Fire Department and membership.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Nagel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passed 6-0. (Mayor Woods and Councilors Borjeson and Klett absent.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaime Trevethan  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager  
Town of Newington