



Keith Chapman
Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Board of Fire Commissioners

May 13, 2021

Company 3 Firehouse

255 West Hill Road

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm



Brian Whalen
Brian Gallagher
Kent E. Stoddard, Jr.
Fire Commissioners

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commission Chairman Gallagher. Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
- II. **Attendance** – Commissioner’s Brian Gallagher Kent Stoddard, Brian Whalen, Chief Jeff Trommer, Deputy Chief Craig Stegmaier, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Nicholas Carlone, Walter Brideaux, Crystal Trommer, John Montano, Sal Garofalo, Caitlin Cerko, Chief Jim Trommer, Anthony Carlson, Nathan Machado, Pedro Machado, Austin Muir, Dan Durity, Joe Valvo, Council Liaison Tim Manke
- III. **Public Participation** – None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the April 8, 2021 minutes and the April 28, 2021 Special Meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Whalen.
- V. **Communications** – Monthly Reports
Membership update
Line Officer Process
Job Posting-Lieutenant, Safety Division
Pump Training

Commissioner Whalen went over all of the communications.

- VI. **Ledger Status** – Question on why nothing has been spent from Fire Prevention budget. Order will be placed in the next week.

Waiting a few weeks but will spend money on office furniture.

Motion to approve ledger status by Commissioner Stoddard, seconded by Commissioner Whalen.

- VII. **Old Business** - Budget update- Budget has been passed. Thank you to the Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager for their hard work on the budget. Would also like to

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thank them for the money they gave us prior to the new budget for the work on Company 5.

Truck 2- First payment has either been made or ready to go out. Second payment is on Janet's desk and should be ready to go out. Come July 1st we should be all set and have truck in thirteen to fourteen months.

Radio System Update- Police Department and Fire Department have tested the State system with favorable reviews. Questions have been asked from IT and we have responded to all the questions. Not sure where we really stand on the system at this point. Town Manager Chapman has stated he would like to make a commitment by July 1st on which way the Town will be going, Marcus or the State. Commissioner Stoddard will be reaching out to the Town Manager to discuss.

Chiefs Cars- Waiting on two more Chiefs cars. Should be about two more months. Waiting on the Police Department but we do have two cars allocated to us. Very happy with the ones we have received.

Headquarter painting/floors- All painting has been completed. Floors are currently being installed and should be done by the end of the week. Update was much needed and looks great. Hard work by many in the Department to get this project completed.

VIII. **New Business** - Fire Marshal Posting- Fire Marshall Pelletier has resigned. Posting has been posted and will close on May 17th. Following the closing we will have oral boards and get a replacement in the next few weeks. Thank you for time and service to Fire Marshal Pelletier. Best of luck in future.

IX. **Public Participation** – None

X. **Commissioner Remarks** – Chairman Brian Gallagher told everyone again what a great job everyone was doing in the department. Keep up good work and be safe. Commissioner Whalen spoke on the New Haven Fire Department. They are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you to everyone for everything you do, you never know what could happen on a given day. Commissioner Stoddard spoke about officer appointment qualifications. Discussion on requirements. Also spoke about New Haven and said anything we could do, we are there for them. Proud of our department and the great job that is done by all every day.

XI. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stoddard, 2nd by Commissioner Whalen at 7:54 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary