



Keith Chapman  
Town Manager

# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Board of Fire Commissioners

June 11, 2020

Company 1 Firehouse

1485 Main Street

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 Chris Schroeder, Deputy Chief Jeff Trommer, Deputy Chief Craig Stegmaier, Deputy Chief Bob Regina, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Council Liaison Chris Miner, Scott Whalen, Dan Durity, Crystal Trommer, Austin Muir, Zach Miller, Anthony Carlson, Vin Jankowski, Geoff Anderson, Andrew Wood, Gregory Smith, Sal Garofalo, John Montano, Bill Pollock

III. **Public Participation** – None

IV. **Approval of 03/12/2020 Minutes** – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the 03/12/2020 minutes. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion.

V. **Communications** – Retirement Letter of David Woods  
Monthly Reports  
Kindness Counts Letter  
Department Promotions  
Thank you note

Commission Whalen went over the communications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stoddard to accept all communications. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion.

VI. **Ledger Status** – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve ledger. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion.

VII. **Old Business** - 2020-2021 Budget Update- The Department budget passed through the Council with very few changes. The department member’s stipends will increase from \$1,000 a year to \$1,500 a year. The Commission thanks the Town Council for the increase.

*Adam O. Regan*  
Town Clerk

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Personnel Report- Current membership is 99 down from 102 in March. Five members are on leave and cadet membership is at 24. Tim Lapiere has resigned. Assistant Chief Jeff Trommer said it was a tuff loss for the department and he will be missed. The commission thanks him for his almost ten years of service.

**VIII. New Business** - Truck 2 – The Town Manager advised Commissioner Gallagher and Chief Schroeder at a meeting that it does not look good for us if we bring the purchase of a new truck to referendum because of two other large projects possibly going to referendum this election.. If we spend \$975,000 or less it does not have to go to referendum.

Deputy Chief Trommer said that \$975,000 is not enough money and that a lot of research and planning has gone on for several years for this purchase.

Chief Schroeder said that it all comes down to legal documentation and we need to move forward.

Chris Miner said that he needed to go to the Town Clerks Office to get the documentation from over the years of other purchases to show what previous councils have done. This documentation should show why the project should not have to go to referendum. He has not been able to do this because the Town Clerks Office has been closed to the public due to Covid.

**IX. Public Participation**- Deputy Chief Trommer said that nothing has happened since his meeting in March with Town Manager Chapman concerning radio replacement. This needs to be readdressed.

Chris Miner announced that for those that did not know, Keith Chapman was appointed Town Manager Tuesday night.

Deputy Chief Regina said that our Department responded five task force calls last month and is very respected buy other towns.

**X. Commissioner Remarks** – Chairman Gallagher spoke about the Corona Virus and reminded everyone to stay safe. Commissioners Whalen and Stoddard echoed his remarks.

**XI. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

**Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary**