



# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Board of Fire Commissioners

March 12, 2020

Company 3 Firehouse  
255 West Hill Road  
Newington, CT 06111  
7:30pm



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

Keith Chapman  
Town Manager

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### 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, Deputy Chief Jeff Trommer, Deputy Chief Craig Stegmaier, Deputy Chief Bob Regina, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Nicholas Carlone, Pedro Machado, John Montano, Guy Pelletier, Council Liaison Tim Manke, Chris Ferri, Stephen Regina, Scott Whalen, Dan Durity, Tim Jones,
  - III. **Public Participation** – None
  - IV. **Approval of 02/13/2020 Minutes** – Brian Whalen made a motion to approve the 02/13/2020 minutes. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion.
  - V. **Communications** – Appointment letter of Guy Pelletier  
Monthly Reports  
Deputy Fire Marshall Letter  
Membership update memo  
Department Promotions
- A motion was made by Commissioner Whalen to accept all communications. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion and congratulated all that were promoted.
- VI. **Ledger Status** – Discussion on ledger status. Commissioner Whalen discussed keeping an eye on the Fire Marshall’s portion of the ledger. Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve ledger. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion.
  - VII. **Old Business** - 2020-2021 Budget Update- Budget meetings with the town council have been cancelled with the department heads. Meetings will still go on as scheduled. Council Liaison Manke stated phone in’s would take place if necessary.

Personnel Report- Membership is good. Large membership, good leadership.

Update on inspections of each fire house on Commission Board meeting nights- Commissioner Stoddard did inspection of Company 3 before meeting. Everything looked well, no issues.

Deputy Chief Trommer expressed the concern of needing more space.

Newly purchased helmets- Assistant Chief Lapierre stated that we are waiting on shields that have been ordered and once they come in helmets will be distributed.

Swearing in of Fire Marshall Pelletier

**VIII. New Business - Department Promotions**

**IX. Public Participation**- John Montano. Great job by cadets for the Iwo Jima week-end, could not have done it without them. Commissioner Whalen stated good job by all..

**X. Commissioner Remarks** – Chairman Gallagher spoke about the Corona Virus and the safety of all when going on calls. Be sure to take all precautions by using the proper gear.

Commissioner Whalen gave recognition to Nicholas Carlone. He has gone above and beyond expectations this past week-end working on the radio system that went down. All in the room applauded him for a job well done. He replied with the system is living on spare time.

This lead to a discussion on the radio system. A letter has been sent to the Town Manager but no response at this time. A committee should be formed between the Fire Department and Police Department.

**XI. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:00. Executive session adjourned at 8:45.

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