



Keith Chapman
Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Board of Fire Commissioners

June 10, 2021

Company 4 Firehouse

84 5th 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 Jeff Trommer, Kyle Roberts, Martin Ball, Nicholas Carlone, Chief Jim Trommer, Frank DeMaio
- III. **Public Participation** – None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Whalen made a motion to approve the May13, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stoddard.
- V. **Communications** – Monthly Reports

Commissioner Whalen went over all of the communications.
- VI. **Ledger Status** – Motion by Commissioner Stoddard to table ledger status until next month. Many changes in the ledger that were not posted yet due to timing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Whalen.

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Discussion on the CIP budget for Company 5. A letter will be submitted to Keith Chapman and Janet Murphy to reclassify the category so that the money can be used for other items besides painting. We are not asking for more money, just asking for it to be used for other projects besides painting that need to be done. This needs to be presented to the Town Council per Janet Murphy.

- VII. **Old Business** - Radio System Update- Meetings continue. Town Manager Chapman has stated once again he would like to make a commitment by July 1st on which way the town will be going, Marcus or the State. Commissioner Whalen received an email from Gary Turco advising him that there is grant money available through the State for the radio system update. Email was forwarded to the Town Manager and the grant request has been submitted to the state along with a previously submitted grant.

Fire Marshal Position – We received eight applications for the position. Of the eight applicants four were interviewed. Two finalists were sent on to the Town Manager for interviews. Town Manager chose the same candidate for the position that the Commissioners chose. Douglas Zordan was offered the position with a tentative start date of July 1st pending background check and physical.

Deputy Chief Stegmaier has really stepped up along with Meghan Manke to keep the department running with very little staff. It has been a very busy month with two structure fires and they have done an amazing job keeping everything running with limited staff. Job well done.

Captain and Lt. Testing – Process is in progress and everything is going along as scheduled. Written test has been administered and oral panel will be Saturday. Nothing has changed in the process except for the written test has been added.

VIII. **New Business** - None

IX. **Public Participation** – Frank DeMaio officially introduced himself as the new president of the Newington Veterans Association. He spoke about what his role could be with the Department and the Commission. He shared his thoughts of what he would like his role to be. He was advised that the Fire Department would love to have him involved and he would deal with Chief Trommer.

X. **Commissioner Remarks** – Chairman Brian Gallagher told everyone again what a great job everyone was doing in the department. He commended the Chief and his staff for the great work everyone is doing.
Commissioner Stoddard stated he felt the Department is in the most stable position it has been in in a long time. The Fire Marshal Department should be in great shape with the new Fire Marshal starting in July and Colin Whalen coming back. Commended the Department on the great job they did with the two structure fires and the many mulch fire calls. Thank you for a job well done.
Commissioner Whalen also commented on the great job the Department did on the recent fires. He received a text from an out of town Chief complementing our Department and could not believe what a great job we do as a volunteer department. Thank you to everyone for the great job that is done.

XI. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stoddard, 2nd by Commissioner Whalen at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary