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Town Manager

# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Board of Fire Commissioners

September 9, 2021

Company 1 Firehouse

1485 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

### Minutes



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

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- 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 and Brian Whalen, Commissioner Stoddard was absent, Chief Jeff Trommer, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Deputy Chief Nesklada, Deputy Chief Regina, Nicholas Carlone, Walter Brideaux, Cheryl Brideaux, Crystal Trommer, Chief Jim Trommer, Fire Marshal DJ Zordan, Frank Demaio, Rodrigo Furtado, Austin Muir.
- III. **Public Participation** – None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Whalen had one change to the minutes from July 8, 2021. On the last page the word glove should be glue under his comments. Motion made to approve the July 8, 2021 minutes as amended by Commissioner Whalen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gallagher.
- V. **Communications** – Monthly Reports  
Appointments  
  
Commissioner Whalen went over all of the communications. Appointments to new positions included Pedro Machado to Captain of Training, Deputy Chief Bob Regina to Deputy Fire Marshal, Geoff Anderson to Staff Lieutenant of the Training Division, Martin Ball to Quality Assurance Officer for the Department. Congratulations to all on their appointments.
- VI. **Ledger Status** - Ledger status looks good. 16% of budget used to date. Motion to approve ledger status by Commissioner Whalen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gallagher.
- VII. **Old Business** - Chief Trommer gave updates on the following:
  - Truck 2 moving forward, working with Finance on parts for truck
  - Radio System has nothing new to report
  - Company 5 project is moving along well. Inside is complete and painter is working on the outside now.
  - Phone system has been installed and training will be taking place

- There will be a 9/11 ceremony Saturday morning. Big ceremony we planned on having was cancelled by Town Manager because of concerns with Covid.
- Highway is working on the last Chief's car, parts are difficult to get.

IVIII. **New Business** - None

IV. **Public Participation** – None

X. **Comissioner Remarks** – Chairman Brian Gallagher spoke about 9/11 memorial. Hoping for a good showing from department members. We will do what we have to do to make sure the victims of 9/11 are not forgotten despite not being able to have the pubic at our event.

It is said at every meeting but thank you for everything you all do. You all are today's heroes and it can't be said enough what a great job everyone is doing in the department. Keep up the good work and be safe.

Commissioner Whalen said the department has been very busy and he sees it on both sides as he wears two hats, Fire Commissioner and a member of Company 2. As he always says thank you everybody and keep up the good work.

XI. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Whalen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Gallagher. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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