



# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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## Board of Fire Commissioners



Brian Whalen  
Frank L. DeMaio  
Kent E. Stoddard Jr  
Fire Commissioners

November 9, 2023

### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

#### Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Whalen. Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
- II. **Attendance** – Chairman Brian Whalen, Commissioners Frank DeMaio and Kent Stoddard, Chief Jeff Trommer, Deputy Chief Regina, Deputy Chief Stegmaier, Assistant Chief Lapierre, Council Liaison Mitch Page.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the October 12, 2023 and October 19, 2023 minutes, Commissioner DeMaio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Public Participation** – Past Chief Trommer congratulated Chairman Whalen on his election for another four years to the commission.
- V. **Communications**- Commissioner DeMaio went over the monthly reports for October. Red RMX is producing monthly reports. Motion to approve communications by Commissioner Stoddard, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Ledger Status** – Commissioner Stoddard went over ledger status, looks good. Motion made by Chairman Whalen to accept the ledger status, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio, motion passed unanimously.
- VII. **Old Business** –
  - Radio System Update- Chief Trommer, continues to be moving in positive direction. Consoles will be installed next week, installed in vehicles after Thanksgiving, starting with police. Still in discussions with Fred Callahan for tower on his site with State of Connecticut. Waiting on proposal to come back from state.
  - Grant Update – Chief Lapierre, Electrician has started electronic sign, base should be started in next few days. All zoning approvals have been received. Hope to be done before Thanksgiving or right after. Chief Trommer, applied for Hero’s Grant, 50% reimbursement for turn out gear. We used it for boots and helmets. All paperwork has

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been submitted. We have been contacted already for quotes which is a good sign. Waiting to hear.

- Tablets and Alpine Software – Chief Regina, Quartermasters are entering in all gear that has been received. All divisions entering information, adding modules for inputting different information. MDT testing with IT. Have had some major issues but being worked on. IT is working hard to get through the process, very short staffed, doing their best.
- Autism Fund Raising – Chief Stegmaier, John Patterson School has raised \$3,000 and will have their school logo put on the Autism truck. Thank you to them. \$10,800 raised so far and six months to go.
- Deputy Fire Chief Position– Six applications were submitted, four meet the criteria to continue on in the process. Test January 10, 2024, oral panel shortly after. Hopefully have position filled beginning of February.
- Inspections for Firehouses – Chief Trommer has requested inspections be help off until a new Deputy Chief is hired. Tabled until then.

**VIII. New Business** –

- CIP budget is due to Finance December 8, 2023. Chief's will be meeting next week to work on, will submit to commission to review.

**IX. Public Participation** - None

**X. Commissioners Remarks** - Commissioner Stoddard, Congratulations to Chairman Whalen.

Commissioner DeMaio –Congratulation to Chairman Whalen. Attended a combined drill with Company One and Three. Impressed with instructors and the amount of members that attended.

Chairman Whalen – Thank you to Fred Callahan on the donation of old firetruck to the department. It is the original engine 2 truck. Working on bringing it back to working condition. Currently at Company 2. It is 75 years of history.

Pancake breakfast Sunday to support the Cadet Division. December meeting will be at the old firehouse with refreshments for the holidays. Thank you to all that supported me on reelection for the next four years.

**XI. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:50. Motion by Commissioner Stoddard, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary