Wilton Fire Commission

Town Hall – Annex Meeting Room A
238 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT
Town Hall– Room B

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

March 1, 2016

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Present: Commissioners J. Casey Healy, Ross Tartell and Christopher Weldon

Others: Chief Ronald E. Kanterman, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Captain Kevin Czarnecki, Captain Jim Gies Lieutenant Bill Wilson, Firefighters Dave Chaloux, John Bisenius, John Edwards, Gary Fuoco and Pat Garber, Fire Marshall Trainee Kevin Plank, Apparatus Supervisor Ralph Nathanson, and Wilton Facilities Manager Chris Burney

A. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:05 am.

B. Approval of Minutes: Upon motions duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Commission meetings held on February 2 and 16, 2016.

C. Monthly Reports:

a. **Chief's Report:** The Chief's report dated February 1, 2016 is attached. Highlights included:
- Chief advised that the Department was looking at several different cutting tools and met with manufacturer representatives from Hurst and Holmatro. He also advised that Hurst actually left their new battery operated cutter for all Shifts to experiment with on an old car.
- Chief also discussed the potential plans for the Dive Rescue Team regionalization.

b. **Deputy Chief's Report:** The Deputy Chief's report dated January 4, 2016 is attached. Highlights in the report included:
- Deputed Chief pointed out that the total incidents were 144 for the month of February 2016 which was higher than January 2016 but lower than February 2015.
- The Engine 1's intermittent throttle problem was discussed and the continued frustration that the problem has yet to be diagnosed even though a manufacturer representative has been onsite on a couple of occasions to attempt a diagnosis and repair.
- Deputy Chief also brought to the Commissions attention that Engine 2 has a power steering leak and, based on the problems with Engine 1 and 2, the Department has moved Engine 3 to Station 2.
- Quotes for a potential Dive Truck were obtained and presented to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance on their visit to Station 1 in February 2016. The Commission also asked the Deputy Chief about the Police Department's involvement as it was understood that the purchase was going to be done as a joint purchase for both Fire and Police Departments.

- The Run Card Reporting system was discussed and it was agreed to hold off on going live with the system until:
    - The Departments reports back to the Commission on how surrounding towns are handling the issue.
    - There are discussions with the Town Attorney on potential liability implications to Town.
    - Commissioner Weldon and Captain Gies have time to meet and discuss the system and have a chance to conduct a joint meeting with the team from the Wilton Police Department.
- There were also general discussions about CERT, radios at the schools and fire safety drills being conducted at the schools
- The Deputy Chief did also discuss the ice dive to be conducted by the Dive Rescue Team later in March.

c. **Fire Marshal's Report:** There was no Fire Marshall Report submitted for review by the Commission.

d. **Dive Team Report**: Beyond the issues discussed above, there was no Dive Team Report submitted for review by the Commission.

e. **Apparatus Supervisor's Report:** Beyond the issues discussed above, there was no Apparatus Supervisor's Report submitted for review by the Commission.

D. Old Business:

a. Station 2-Chris Burney/Town Facilities

- There was lengthy discussions about Station 2 and all the options being discussed on design, location and water/septic problem concerns. Chris Burney and Ross Tartell are going to convene a meeting of the Building Committee and report back to the Commission on their next step recommendations. Chief Kanterman will provide the Commission with the new and old RFPs that have been presented for consideration.

b. FD Budget

- As of March 1, 2016, there were no changes communicated by the Board of Selectmen to the Fire Department's Budget. There was a capital tour by the Board of Finance and Board Selectmen last month where the Fire Department presented its capital items to both boards at Station 1 and highlighted the quotes it received on the potential new Dive Truck.

E. New Business

- **Fire Department Staffing**
    - ✓ The Chief and Deputy Chief both discussed fire staffing issues that they see with the future of the Wilton Fire Department. There were some general discussions on how and when to approach the Board of Selectmen and it was agreed to be done after May 2016.
- **Regionalization of the Dive Team**
    - ✓ Captain Czarnecki provided a report on Regionalization and how he is working with several towns to create this regionalized dive team. He also discussed meeting with other towns that have accomplished the regionalized dive team and using their regionalization has a roadmap for Wilton and the towns it will regionalize with on this operation.
- **Gift Fund Expenditure**
    - ✓ Upon motions duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Chiefs recommendation to use $1,500 to purchase gear bags for the Fire Department personnel.

F. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

G. **Adjournment**: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:59 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 commencing at 8:00 am in meeting Room B at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Weldon
Wilton Fire Commission