

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2019

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A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Training Room at Northeast Co4, 366 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT.

### **Commissioners Present:**

Pasquale Nuzzolillo, Chairman  
Mary Jane Mulligan, Secretary  
Peter J. Criscuolo, Commissioner  
Joseph Cappucci, Commissioner

### **Staff Present:**

Paul Januszewski, Fire Chief  
Scott Martus, Deputy Chief of Operations  
Yvonne Zilinski, Secretary

### **Commissioners Absent:**

Michael Zuccarelli, Vice Chairman

### **Staff Absent:**

David Marcarelli, Deputy Chief of Administration

Chairman Nuzzolillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Chairman Nuzzolillo welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting held on January 29, 2019.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 29, 2019. With a second motion made from Commissioner Cappucci.  
Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Criscuolo – yes, Cappucci – yes

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief's Report. He spoke of EMS alarms; current budget, permit fees received and fire marshal office details were discussed. Training within the department was then discussed. The sick and injury report was discussed in executive session.

Chief Januszewski spoke of two (2) thank you correspondences received within the department.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked the commission if anyone else had any correspondence. He then stated that he had heard from several residents asking about ballistic equipment vests that the fire department were looking into purchasing. He then asked for Chief Januszewski to give a more detailed description and reason for the need of these vests.

Chief Januszewski gave a brief description on bullet proof vests and then referred for more detail from Deputy Chief Scott Martus. DCO Martus stated these would be vests needed to be pro-active and prepared in case of a hostile situation ever occurring within the Town of North Haven and to keep the firefighters safe in those situations.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated that he hopes this clears up any discussion or concerns that the town residents may have had with regard to the purchasing of such vests.

Chief Januszewski discussed the unfinished business in the department. He spoke with regard to the PSAR which is still a work in progress through the State of CT, Incident # 18-4176 – replacement of equipment almost complete in the station and working closely with the insurance company for reimbursement; AFG Application process for a new Engine is still unknown; lastly, he spoke with regard to the training facility to be located at 366 Washington Avenue behind Northeast Co4 – GM2 has been contracted to design and will begin clean up in the area first. The pavilion that was located behind Northeast Co4 was damaged during the recent storm and the department is working closely with FEMA for reimbursement to repair that as well.

Chief Januszewski stated there was nothing on the agenda with regard to the new business within the department. However, he did want to update everyone on the recent Town special meeting which was held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at North Haven Memorial Town Hall upstairs conference room to vote on the purchase of a new Engine Pumper from the fund balance – it was unanimously approved. The department has put together an Engine Committee, made up of career firefighters, to design this Engine Pumper to specifically meet the specifications of our department. Once they have determined such, it will then go out to bid.

Chief Januszewski stated there was nothing on the agenda with regard to the good of the department. He mentioned that he just heard a public hearing is scheduled and will be held with the State of CT in the coming weeks to with regard to upgrading the volunteer firefighter's abatements – he will keep the Board of Fire Commission posted.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated once again that the Board of Fire Commission is proud of all the department volunteers for all their assistance to the Town of North Haven, hopefully the State of CT will put this abatement upgrade through.

There being no further public business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to convene an executive session at 6:30 PM. With a second motion made from Commissioner Cappucci.

Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Criscuolo – yes, Cappucci – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:50 PM. He then asked if anyone had any public comment.

Miss Sally Buemi – Blossom Drive, commented on the recent Engine Pumper approval which she voted to accept; FEMA grant for another Engine Pumper, should it be approved, where it would be stationed; recent hiring of 2 new firefighters within the fire department going to the CT Fire Academy. Brief discussion was had amongst the commission and the Chief with regard to her concerns. Chief Januszewski stated that if all goes well with the new recruits through the next several months getting through their schooling, he should have one engine running out of Montowese Co2 beginning in January, 2020.

Mr. Brian Marino – Grove Road, Resident, President of Local 2987 and Lieutenant within the fire department. He thanked the Board of Fire Commission and the public for their continual support of the fire department and for the approval of a new Engine Pumper. This department and the Engine Committee commit to building an outstanding Engine Pumper to be run in the Town of North Haven.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked all the Town of North Haven residents for their continual support and for passing the purchase of a new Engine Pumper for the fire department.

Miss Sally Buemi added one more comment, she stated the fire department needs proper apparatus to run the fire department safely and she is hopeful the FEMA Grant will be approved for a second Engine Pumper. Miss Buemi also stated her concern is always that of the taxpayers of the Town of North Haven.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission briefly commented with regard to the public comment. He also stated that the Board of Fire Commission always has the best interest of the Town of North Haven as well.

Hearing no other public comment and having no further business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 7:10 PM. With a second motion made from Commissioner Cappucci.

Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Criscuolo – yes, Cappucci – yes

**The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at Northeast Co4 – Training Room at 6:00 PM.**