

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2019

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Training Room at Northeast Co4, 366 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT.

Commissioners Present:

Pasquale Nuzzolillo, Chairman
Michael Zuccarelli, Vice Chairman
Mary Jane Mulligan, Secretary
Jennie Caldwell

Staff Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Joseph Cappucci, Commissioner

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 including First Selectman Michael Freda and then led the attendees in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then turned the meeting over to First Selectman, Michael Freda to conduct election of officers.

First Selectman, Michael Freda discussed that the town charter dictates that every two years the First Selectman must meet with all elected Boards and Commissions for reorganization. First Selectman then stated he will ask for nominations for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to nominate Pasquale Nuzzolillo to retain his seat as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission with a second nomination from Commissioner Mulligan. Mr. Freda asked if there were any other nominations – none heard. He then asked if any other discussion – none heard. Mr. Freda asked all those in favor:

Voted: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Cappucci - absent

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion to nominate Michael Zuccarelli as Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission with a second nomination from Chairman Nuzzolillo. Mr. Freda asked if there were any other nominations – none heard. He then asked if any other discussion – none heard. Mr. Freda asked all those in favor:

Voted: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Cappucci - absent

Chairman Nuzzolillo made a motion to nominate Mary Jane Mulligan as Secretary of the Board of Fire Commission with a second nomination from Commissioner Zuccarelli. Mr. Freda asked if there were any other nominations – none heard. He then asked if any other discussion – none heard. Mr. Freda asked all those in favor:

Voted: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Cappucci - absent

Mr. Freda congratulated all the commissioners, he looks forward to working alongside the commission and thanked them all for their efforts and outstanding commitment to the Fire Department and to the commission. Lastly, 1st Selectman wished everyone a very Happy Holiday.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked Mr. Freda for all his support of the Board of Fire Commission.

Commissioner Mulligan motioned, with a second from Commissioner Zuccarelli to approve the minutes of the Board of Fire Commission’s Meeting of November 26, 2019.

Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell-abstained, Cappucci – absent

Commissioner Caldwell was not elected into office as of yet for this meeting date.

Commissioner Zuccarelli motioned, with a second from Commissioner Mulligan to approve the minutes of the Board of Fire Commission’s Special Meeting of December 10, 2019.

Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Cappucci – absent

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief’s Report and spoke regarding the following: EMS alarms; current budget, permit fees received and fire marshal office details were discussed. Training within the department was discussed.

Lengthy discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the Chief’s report.

Chief Januszewski stated he had not received any correspondence within the department.

Chief Januszewski stated he had no unfinished business within the department to discuss.

Chief Januszewski then spoke of the new business within the fire department: motion needed to upgrade current Lieutenants to Captains, effective December 30, 2019.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the new business within the department. Chief Januszewski explained the history of the fire department to the newly elected Commissioner, Jennie Caldwell, to bring her up-to-date before voting on motion.

Commissioner Mulligan motioned, with a second from Commissioner Zuccarelli to upgrade the current Lieutenants to the position of Captains, effective December 30, 2019.

Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Cappucci – absent

Chief Januszewski spoke with regard to the good of the fire department as follows: New Recruit Justin Orlando graduated from CT Fire Academy on December 6, 2019.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked Local 2987 President Jeff Obier if he had any questions, Mr. Obier stated not at this time. He then asked if anyone had any public comments.

Ms. Sally Buemi, Blossom Drive, gave her best wishes to newly elected Jennie Caldwell as Commissioner and to Mary Jane Mulligan on her re-election as Commissioner on the Board of Fire Commission. Ms. Buemi then discussed some questions she had for the fire department.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission with regard to the public comment from Ms. Buemi and her concerns.

There being no further public business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Zuccarelli motioned, with a second from Commissioner Mulligan to convene an executive session at 6:51 PM.

Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Cappucci – absent

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:17 PM.

Commissioner Zuccarelli motioned, with a second from Commissioner Mulligan to make a Conditional Offer of Employment to William Berrey as Firefighter-Paramedic.

Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Cappucci – absent

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any other comments coming before this commission and none were heard.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated that the next upcoming meeting of the Board of Fire Commission is to be held at Northeast Co4 training room on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. He then welcomed Jennie Caldwell to the Board of Fire Commission and looks forward to working alongside her.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission wished everyone a very happy and safe holiday season.

Hearing no other public comments and having no further business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Mulligan motioned, with a second from Commissioner Zuccarelli to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Cappucci – absent

Reminder: The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Northeast Co4 – Training Room at 6:00 PM.