

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2021

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the community room at Montowese Co2, 282 Quinnipiac Ave, North Haven, CT.

Commissioners Present:

Pasquale Nuzzolillo, Chairman
Mary Jane Mulligan, Secretary
Vincenzo Gallo, Commissioner
Jennie Caldwell, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent

Joseph Cappucci, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Paul Januszewski, Fire Chief

Chairman Nuzzolillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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 Gallo made a motion, with a second from Commissioner Mulligan to nominate Pasquale Nuzzolillo to retain his seat as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes, Gallo – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo made a motion, with a second from Commissioner Mulligan to nominate Vincenzo Gallo as Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes, Gallo – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo made a motion, with a second from Commissioner Gallo to nominate Mary Jane Mulligan to retain her seat as Secretary of the Board of Fire Commission.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes, Gallo – yes

Mr. Freda congratulated all the commissioners and thanked them all for their efforts and outstanding commitment to the Fire Department and to this commission. Mr. Freda also thanked Chief Januszewski, Deputy Chief Marcarelli and Deputy Chief Martus, Administrator Yvonne Zilinski and the entire fire department for all their service throughout the year. Lastly, 1st Selectman Michael Freda wished everyone a very Happy Holiday.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked Mr. Freda for his support of the fire department and public safety. He also thanked the commission for the nomination and their support and confidence in him to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan to approve the minutes of the Board of Fire Commission Regular Meeting that was held on November 23, 2021.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes, Gallo – yes

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief's Report and spoke regarding the following: EMS alarms; EMS billing; current budget; permit fees received and fire marshal office details were discussed as well as a building committee meeting that will begin in January. Training within the department was also discussed. He stated that sick and injury would be discussed during executive session.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the Chief's report. Commissioner Caldwell spoke about billing with Nelson Ambulance; special revenue fund and encumbrances of the fire department.

Chairman Nuzzolillo requested that a letter be sent on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission to Finance Director Ed Swinkoski requesting the fire department's budget paperwork be sent to the Board of Fire Commission once a month (the same one that gets sent to the Board of Finance monthly).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated he received a correspondence from a town resident which was read by Secretary Mulligan thanking the department for their help during their time of need.

OLD BUSINESS OF FD:

Chief Januszewski stated where the department stands with regard to the training center; apparatus still out of service; lastly, internal hiring process.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the old business. Commissioner Caldwell spoke about the email from a resident last month regarding electronic apparatus.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated that there will be a special meeting of the Board of Fire Commission on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 5pm to conduct interviews for new recruits.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Januszewski spoke about a recruitment video that was customized for North Haven on the website trying to recruit more volunteers for the town. He also talked about his upcoming budget presentation in mid-January 2022.

Lengthy discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the needs of the fire department with regard to the budget for FY 2022/23.

GOOD OF THE FD:

Chief Januszewski spoke about the Santa runs fund raiser by the volunteers and the toy drive held by CERT team.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

There being no further public business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo to convene an executive session at 7:20 PM.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo for the following company officers at Montowese Co2, effective January 1, 2022 – Captain Angel Sanjurjo for a three-year term ending 12/31/24 and Lieutenant Peter Zaino for a two-year term ending 12/31/23.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo for the following company officers at West Ridge Co3, effective January 1, 2022 – Captain Maurice Varney for a three-year term ending 12/31/24 and 1st Lieutenant Anthony McKinney and Lieutenant's Thomas Crilly, Stephen Irons and Vincent Santamauro for a two-year term ending 12/31/23.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo for the following company officers at Northeast Co4, effective January 1, 2022 – Captain Carl Viens for a three-year term ending 12/31/24 and 1st Lieutenant Anthony Minicucci and Lieutenant's Robert Kovach, Todd Ricci and Jeffrey Miller for a two-year term ending 12/31/23.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second from Commissioner Gallo to accept carrying over eight (8) remaining vacation days of 2021 for FF Prisco into calendar year 2022 due to injury leave.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated when the next Board of Fire Commission meetings would be held and also wished a Happy Holiday season to all.

Chairman Nuzzolillo said hearing no other public comments and having no further business to come before the Board of Fire Commission he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Caldwell to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – absent, Caldwell – yes

Reminder: The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2 – Community Room.