

# **MINUTES**

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**

### **JULY 28, 2020**

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A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 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  
Joseph Cappucci, Commissioner  
Jennie Caldwell, Commissioner

#### **Staff Present:**

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Chairman Nuzzolillo welcomed everyone to the meeting and then led the attendees in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then conducted the swearing in ceremony of new recruit William Berrey. On behalf of the Board of Fire Commission he thanked all his family and promised to keep him safe at all times. He thanked FF Berrey for his commitment to the department and to the Town of North Haven. He congratulated him on graduating from CTFA and welcomed him to the department.

Chief Januszewski said a few words on behalf of new recruit William Berrey. He had received nothing but great reports on him during his stay at the CT Fire Academy as he led by example. He then stated that he first started as a volunteer within the department years ago down at Montowese Co2 and now he welcomed him as a career firefighter-paramedic within the department.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then read the firefighter oath to FF Berrey and swore him into the department.

A brief recess was taken in order to take pictures with Chief Officers and FF Berrey. The meeting then reconvened.

Commissioner Zuccarelli motioned, with a second from Commissioner Cappucci to approve the minutes of the Board of Fire Commission Meeting that was held on May 26, 2020. Brief discussion was had with regard to the minutes by a commissioner. Vote was then taken.  
Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

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. New recruit will be graduating on Thursday, July 30, 2020. Lastly, he spoke with regard to the Covid-19 crisis/pandemic within the Town of North Haven.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked the Commissioners if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Chief's report. Brief discussion was then had amongst the commission regarding his report.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked if any commissioners had any correspondences to share with the commission, they stated they did not. Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked all the residents and the businesses that have supported the first responders during this pandemic. A commissioner then shared a personal experience they had encountered and thanked the department for their service.

Chief Januszewski discussed the unfinished business within the department as follows:

Chief Januszewski updated the commission with regard to the state of the fire apparatus as well as the new E-1 which has been placed in service; he then spoke of the CT OEMS PSAR still awaiting final decision; lastly, he spoke of the 2020 Consortium testing results hopeful to hire someone from list by end of 2020.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked if the commissioners had any questions and brief discussion was had amongst them regarding the unfinished business within the department.

Chief Januszewski spoke of the new business within the fire department regarding upgrades of two (2) firefighters per CBA guidelines.

Commissioner Zuccarelli motioned, with a second from Commission Mulligan to elevate FF William Crisci to Grade A, effective August 11, 2020.

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

Commissioner Zuccarelli motioned, with a second from Commission Mulligan to elevate FF Ethan Simmel to Grade B, effective back to July 6, 2020.

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

Chief Januszewski spoke with regard to the good of the fire department - CERT team doing a tremendous job all around town over the past couple of years; lastly, long term recovery committee meets once a week and the great job they are doing as well.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then spoke with regard to staffing of career firefighters and E9 running out of Company 2. Chief Januszewski had brief discussion stating E9 is making incredible difference to the south end of town.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked for a motion to go into executive session by the Commission.

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 7:22 PM.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Commissioner Zuccarelli motioned, with a second from Commissioner Cappucci to allow VFF Cory Cristante to transfer from Montowese Co2 over to West Ridge Co3, effective immediately. Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated when the next upcoming meeting of the Board of Fire Commission would occur. He then asked if there were any other comments coming before this commission and none were heard so he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Zuccarelli motioned, with a second from Commissioner Mulligan to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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

**Reminder: The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Northeast Co4, 366 Washington Avenue in the training room.**