



# FIRE COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 18, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Rm A  
Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/2980076324>

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**Present:** Chairman Fred Ingram, Rich Straiton, Doug Cuny and Tony Rubino. Also in attendance were Chief Baker and Assistant Chief Evanuska and Tom Galliford (via Zoom).

Chairman, Fred Ingram called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes January 10, 2024:**

Fred Ingram made a motion, which was seconded by Rich Straiton to approve the minutes of January 10, 2024 as amended. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

### **Consideration of SHFD FY budget presentation:**

Chief Baker presented the SHFD FY proposed budget. He mentioned the added and reduced costs in the budget. Discussion ensued.

Fred Ingram made a motion, which was seconded by Tony Rubino, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to move forward with the capital replacement of the Stony Hill Chief vehicle. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Tony Rubino made a motion, seconded by Rich Straiton, to reduce the Required NFPA Ground Ladder Testing line under Acct. 5208 Vehicle Maintenance from \$750 to \$450. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Rich Straiton, to fund the reduced amount of \$53,250 from \$53,700 in Acct. 5208 Vehicle Maintenance. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to fund the total of \$22,200 in Acct. 5301 Dues & Education as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to fund the reduced amount of \$21,000 from \$21,350 in Acct. 5306 Professional Services. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to fund the total of \$24,200 in Acct. 5207 Firehouse Maintenance. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Doug Cuny made a motion to approve as presented, which was then withdrawn. Doug Cuny made a new motion, seconded by Rich Straiton, to fund the reduced amount of \$76,800 from \$77,300 in Acct. 5202 Equipment & Supplies. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, seconded by Doug Cuny, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to fund the Stony Hill Fire Department budget in the new amount of \$197,450 from the original amount of \$198,750 following the \$13,000 in reductions. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Consideration of proposed ex-officio member to represent SHFD:**

Motion made by Rich Straiton, and seconded by Tony Rubino, to recommend to the Board of Selectmen for Chief Baker to be appointed as the ex-officio member of the Fire Commission. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ingram made a motion, which was seconded by Doug Cuny to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kasey Galbis  
Recording Secretary