



FIRE COMMISSION

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Rm A
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT 06801
Hybrid meeting via Google Meet

Present: Chair Fred Ingram, Doug Cuny, Todd Smith, and Rich Straiton. Also in attendance was Chief Baker

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

Public comment: None

Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes from June 12, 2024
Motion made by Rich Straiton, seconded by Doug Cuny, to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 12, 2024 as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report:

- Set up meeting date with the First Selectman to discuss target items

Motion made by Doug Cuny, seconded by Todd Smith, to approve the Chairman's report as given. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Chief's Reports:

SHFD:

- Still waiting on bills for FY 23-24
- Had a company come in a clean all the vents and ducts at the firehouse
- Busy month with 36 fire calls, including covering Brookfield, Newtown, and Danbury
- Training is on-going
- Completed a drafting drill
- Planning a water rescue drill

Motion made by Doug Cuny, seconded by Todd Smith, to accept Chief Baker's report as delivered. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

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Follow up on SHFD 10-year SCBA bottle replacement needs:

Chief Baker provided a new and updated bottle allocation list coming out with a total of 73 bottles. The Commission reviewed the list. Discussion ensued.

Fred Ingram reviewed the list and came up with the 10-year plan showing the following totals; FY24-25: 0 bottles, FY25-26: 14 bottles, FY26-27: 0 bottles, FY27-28: 10 bottles, FY28-29: 0 bottles, FY29-30: 0 bottles, FY30-31: 2 bottles, FY31-32: 0 bottles, FY32-33: 0 bottles, FY33-34: 12 bottles.

Motion made by Doug Cuny, seconded by Rich Straiton, to forward to the BOS to review and forward to the Finance Department for the 10-year plan given. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Review BFD annual apparatus maintenance and pump test records:

Chief McCollam could not be at the meeting but provided the Commissioners with the records to review. Upon the review, it was noticed that the tanker was on the expensive side but nothing out of the ordinary. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Doug Cuny, seconded by Todd Smith, to accept the maintenance record as given. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Review BFD SCBA bottle inventory and 10-year replacement needs:

Chief McCollam provided the Commissioners with the SCBA bottle inventory with only 3 years represented. According to the list given, there are 71 bottles. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Fred Ingram, seconded by Doug Cuny, to have Doug Cuny put together a 10-year replacement plan to bring forward to the next meeting. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Comments:

Rich Straiton brought a concern after overhearing on the scanner that the PD is getting dispatched to calls before Fire and EMS. Chief Baker is planning on setting up a meeting with both fire chiefs and the police chief to discuss this issue. The Commission asked that he bring a report back after the meeting happens to see if the Commission needs to get involved or not. Discussion ensued.

Fred Ingram asked the opinion of the Commission about the frequency of the meetings. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Doug Cuny, seconded by Rich Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kasey Galbis
Recording Secretary