

## Town of Suffield



### **Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting for the Fire Commission

June 11, 2024

Commissioner Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Chairman Christian; E. O’Hurley; P. Yeskey; V. Mathieu; and N. Prusi.

J. Bucior was absent.

Others in attendance: Chief Scott Cunningham; Selectwoman Kathy Harrington, M. Van Cott, Firefighters as well as new members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent roll call by M. Van Cott

### **Secretary's Report**

No report

### **Minutes & Correspondences:**

P. Yeskey requested one change in the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes. Under the subtitle “Update on Insurance Coverage for Firefighters” make the change “In addition, there is a statue in the state of Connecticut that states that the volunteers are covered for more than enough.”

V. Mathieu made the motion to accept the May 14, 2024, minutes, with the changes listed above. E. O’Hurley seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

### **Financials:**

Chief Cunningham reported the budget will come in at or under the target. Bills are still being paid. P. Yeskey asked one question regarding the 650% for the maintenance of the fire radios. Chief said it was a line mistake and will be corrected.

V. Mathieu motioned to accept the financials as reported. N. Prusi seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

### **Correspondences:**

Nothing.

### **Introduction of new volunteer members:**

Chief Cunningham brought two new volunteers to the meeting for introductions: Michael Pellitier and Jay Caron. The Fire Commission Board welcomed and approved the two new volunteers.

### **Calls and Activities:**

30 calls and activities for the month of May. Two incidents were discussed 5/19-Building fire; no residents were home. 5/24-Body found in the CT River. Couldn't access the river so had to use ATVs. Captain Vincent commanded the incident. Enfield assisted via boats.

Discussion of the 9 calls that the career staff attended.

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **Old Business:**

Update on Fire Commission Rules and Regulations- revisions made and discussed. M. Van Cott to finalize the document, email to all commissioners on June 12, 2024, and by the July meeting, all changes will be made, and the document will be voted on and approved.

Section B to return to the original version. Committee members all agreed to go back to the original language.

### **New Business:**

Update on part-time firefighter position: Chief Cunningham would like to offer the volunteers the 1<sup>st</sup> opportunity to work the part-time position. Chief needs to look into the benefits and make sure it would be a smooth transition if there are any volunteers who are interested.

### **Chief's Report:**

#### Fire Apparatus:

- UTV-was out of service for 2 to 3 weeks but it is back in service.

#### Fire Stations:

- Nothing to report.

#### Equipment:

- Nothing to report.

#### Personnel:

- Ashlee Caron is progressing nicely. Getting training done and getting acquired to the fire station. Her work hours are 7am to 3pm.

Applications:

- Nothing to report

Training:

- Did hose load training-easy to stretch out-easier to operate. “minute man load”

**Incidents-Commander’s Report:**

Nothing to report

Chief Cunningham wanted to thank Captain Vincent for all that he does, and he has been a huge part of the Chief’s success. The Board thanked Captain Vincent.

**Chairperson’s Report:**

Chairman Christian stated that he, Chief Cunningham, Secretary V. Mathieu and Recording Secretary M. Van Cott all attended the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) presentation at the Suffield Middle School on May 29, 2024.

**Adjournment:**

P. Yeskey made a motion to move into executive session at 7:28 pm. N. Prusi seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

V. Mathieu made a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm. N. Prusi seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0. No action taken.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Mathieu  
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott  
Recording Secretary