

# **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION**

## **Regular Meeting**

**October 9, 2018**

### **“MINUTES”**

**Present:** Brett Salafia, Eric Germain, and Darin Hurne.

**Others Present:** Fire Chief Greg Voelker, Assistant Fire Chief Martin Swan, Fire Marshal Rich Klotzbier, and Fire Fighter Charles Spakowski.

Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Company #1 on Barton Hill Road.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes:** *Mr. Hurne made a motion to approve of the August 13, 2018 meeting minutes with no amendments. Mr. Germain seconded. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

**Public Remarks:** None

**Approval of Bills/ Budget Report:** None

**Fire Marshal Report:** Reports are attached to the minutes.

**Fire Chief Report:** Report is attached to the minutes.

**Communications:** A town hall employee contacted the Fire Department ensuring a donation given by a member of the community, Alison Richard of Middle Haddam, reached the Fire Department.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Dry Hydrants:** Chairman Salafia spoke with the Town Manager about obtain outside help with the hydrants. The town budget and Fire Department budget is an obstacle for this project. Waiting for a follow up call from the Town Manager.
- b) **Previous Fiscal Year Concerns:** The town budget referendum didn't pass again. The Fire Department is waiting to hear if the next one will pass. Last month an award payout was requested as a roll over payment, but the Fire Department's fund is unable to handle a request of that type.
- c) **Fire Marshal Ordinance Changes:** None
- d) **BOFC Secretary:** Waiting on final budget for further discussion

#### **New Business:**

- a) **Vehicle Sinking Fund Concerns:** A discussion about the inability to use sinking fund dollars to make an off budget purchase (used Portland light rescue). A brief discussion of need for vehicle sinking fund for future projects to be dealt with in next year capital budget

- b) Acknowledgement of Gift:** The Fire Department formally acknowledged and thanked Alison Richard of Middle Haddam for her very consider donation to the Fire House. This related to a fire in Middle Haddam
- c) Tax Abatement:** Tom Strickland didn't receive his tax abatement. The Chairman investigated this and found that Mr. Strickland wasn't shown on the roster list. This needs to be approved so Mr. Strickland can receive his taxes.

*Mr. Hurne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve the tax abatement for Tom Strickland. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

- d) Fire House Software:** *Mr. Hurne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Germain, to allow the Chairman to extend the agreement and to continue with the software. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

**Adjournment:** *Mr. Hurne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Germain, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk