



# STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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## Draft Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission held Tuesday, March 11, 2014

**Call to order:** Chairman Melzer called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

**Roll Call:** Present: Commissioner's Melzer, Lyons, Perry & Lodato; Fire Chief Brown, Asst. Chief Roach; Absent: Commissioner Holmes; Public: Brendan Keatley; Paul Newman.

Public Comment: Brendan Keatley introduced himself and presented a document addressed to the Department of Homeland Security regarding a Request for investigation of FEMA Safer Grant. Mr. Keatley put forth his concerns about the grant award. Discussion took place. Mr. Lodato stated that going forward all grants go through the Chief and come from the Chief. Mr. Lyons asked Mr. Keatley if the letter was sent to FEMA. Mr. Keatley responded yes. Mr. Lyons & Mr. Melzer thanked Mr. Keatley for informing the Commission.

### Chief's Report:

- Chief Brown gave a briefing on incidents that occurred. There were a total of 703 incidents which included 6 minor fires. Fire incidents occurred at Church St, Cove Rd, Brown House Rd, Stillwater Ave, and Main St.
- Fleet status: Chief Brown stated that all front line apparatus was in service with the exception of Truck 2 which was out for service; Engine 4 which had a blown engine; and Engine 62 which is ready for pick up at spring shop
- CBA-Negotiations are ongoing.
- Personnel: there are 7 personnel on long term sick, mostly consisting of surgeries.
- Budget: the operating and capital budgets were discussed. Chief Brown noted that there were two upcoming retirements. Chief Brown stated that when the CBA is resolved that there will probably be more retirements.

**Motion to suspend the rules:** Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to suspend the rules to take up an item that is not on the agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Perry and approved by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent.

**Motion to include on the agenda:** Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to include on the agenda item "Request for approval to extend the interim consent order and addendum regarding the volunteer services. Motion was made by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Lodato and approved by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent.

Discussion took place.

**Motion:** A motion for approval to extend the interim consent order and addendum regarding the volunteer services up to and including March 18, 2014, and such order and addendum shall automatically expire on said date was made by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Perry and approved by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent.

**FIRE COMMISSION CONTINUED**

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**New Business:** Chairman Melzer informed the Commission on the Blight Committee meeting he attended as representative of the Commission.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Lodato asked how the litigation with regard to the Volunteer lawsuit. Chief Brown stated that a meeting is to be held and that it is an ongoing progress. Commissioner Lodato asked if the negotiations included items regarding the Chain of Command, which was confirmed.

**Minutes:** By motions duly made the minutes of the February 11, 2014, February 27, 2014 and March 3, 2014 were approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** By motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.