

FAIRFIELD FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

May 12 2012, 7:00pm

Fairfield Library, Memorial Room

Post Rd Fairfield CT 06824

1. CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00pm by Chairman Charlene Lebo

Members Present: Commissioners: Susan Barrett, Felix Giannini, Craig van Steenberg, Richard Popilowski, and Charlene Lebo.

Also Present: Fire Chief Richard Felner: D.C. Art Reid

Absent: Commissioner Thomas Christie, Patrick McCabe

First Selectman: **Michael Tetreau**

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Moment of Reflection: For all Firefighters.

4. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Susan Barrett motioned, seconded by Commissioner Richard Popilowski to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

5. Old Business:

a) Correspondence:

Chief Felner reported that they have received several thank you letters (on file)

b) Chief's Reports

Chief Felner went over the Fire Marshall, Training Center Incident calls and Monthly unit responses reports in great detail with the Commission.

D.C Reid brought the Commission up to date regarding public assistance from FEMA. As much as it was a very painful process, D.C. Reid said FEMA were very helpful with the process.

Assistant Chief Chavenello gave an update on the recent hazmat spill in Fairfield.

c) Update Local 1426: No report.

d) Southport Volunteer updates: No report

Stratfield Volunteer Dept: Fire Chief Jeff DeSerio was sworn in as new Chief as Stratfield Volunteer Dept.

6. New Business.

First Selectman Michael Tetreau spoke regarding the team work that was displayed between the Police and Fire to make sure the Clam Jam went well which it did. In addition First Selectman Tetreau felt the meeting prior to the Clam Jam was part of making the Clam Jam a great success, with few complaints.

Commissioner Susan Barrett motioned seconded by Commissioner Richard Popilowski to go into Private Executive session at 7:25pm. Motion carried.

Public session resumed at 7:45pm. Chairperson Charlene Lebo reported that no motions, votes were taken in Private Executive session. Richard Popilowski motioned to extend the existing Chief's contract from July 2014 to July 2015. Commissioner Barrett spoke backing the contract extension and has seen many fruits of his labor. Commissioner Popilowski said the town is fortunate to have a Chief like Felner. However, David Becker R-I urged the commission to table the vote on the contract extension, particularly in light of what's happened over the last two months.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary