

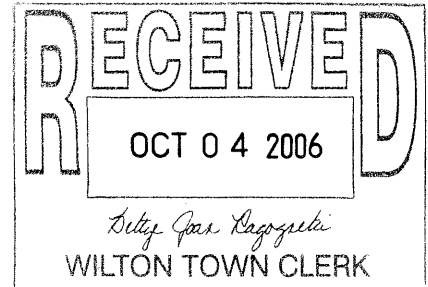


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

**Wilton Fire Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Fire Department Headquarters**

September 5, 2006



Present: Commissioners Rich McCarty and J. Casey Healy

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Captain Kevin Czarnecki, Lieutenant Mike Michelsen, Firefighters Brad Carlson, Jeff Locher, Bill Wilson and Joe Bisenius

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1837 hours.

1. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's special meeting held on July 21, 2006 and regular meeting held on August 1, 2006, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Healy and unanimously approved.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Report. The Report noted that there were 132 responses by the Department during August as of August 30th, bringing the total number of responses for the year to 1,081. Career training for the month included: (i) EMS shift training; (ii) Electrical safety presented by the Connecticut Light & Power Company; (iii) review of Town of Wilton Policy regarding reporting child abuse and (iv) recognizing symptoms of child abuse – Connecticut Department of Children and Family Services. Drafting operations classes for the Department's volunteer firefighters were conducted at Kent Pond. No problems were reported with Department facilities or apparatus and no dispatch problems were reported.
2. Fire Marshal Report – The Commission reviewed Fire Marshal Kohn's monthly reports for July and August. Fire Marshal Kohn and Fire Inspector Meehan continued training with the Mobile-Eyes Inspection System. Mr. Kohn reported that Emergency Services Day will be held on Sunday September 24 at the Town Hall Complex. Mr. Kohn noted that this year's event will be expanded to other agencies in an effort to encourage preplanning by the community in conjunction with Emergency Preparedness Month; additional participants will include the Red Cross, Wilton Health Department and Connecticut Light & Power. In addition to the usual exhibits and demonstrations, a residential fire sprinkler demonstration trailer and a Kids Fire Safety House will be on hand.

C. Old Business

1. Update on Purchase of New Engines - Chief Milositz reported that the Pierce engines have been ordered. Estimated delivery time is 300 days which projects to July 2007. The Chief advised the Commission that the Apparatus Committee will now focus on determining what equipment is needed to equip those engines.
2. Deputy Chief Search – Chief Milositz confirmed that he is drafting a job description for the position. He also advised the Commission that Administrative Services Manager and Director of Human Resources Sarah Taffel had compiled a list of the publications that the position will be advertised in. The Chief was asked to have a draft of the job description available for review by the Commission at its October meeting.

D. New Business

1. Hydrant Flow – In response to the concern voiced by some members of the Department, Chief Milositz investigated the history of water flow and pressure of hydrants located on School Road. He determined that in 2002, Aquarion Water Company increased the flow and pressure in those hydrants. While the flow and pressure are not ideal, both are improved from 2002. All shifts have been so advised.
2. September 11th Ceremony – The Commission reviewed the agenda for 5th anniversary ceremony. Chief Milositz reported that A Shift was doing a great job organizing the ceremony. The Commission noted with sadness the death of 19 year old Nicholas Madaras, a 2005 Wilton High School graduate who was killed in Iraq on September 3rd while serving as a Private first class in the United States Army. The consensus of the Commission was that Mr. Madaras' death should be recognized during the September 11th ceremony.
3. Fire Department Presentation to the Board of Selectmen – The Commission reviewed the presentation that was prepared by Chief Milositz and previously distributed to the Commission members for review and comment. A discussion was had regarding the long range need for an additional administrative officer who would report to the Chief of the Department; noting that there had been no additions to administrative staff during the period that the shifts were increased from 4 to 6 firefighters.
4. Firefighter List – Noting that Firefighter John Dwyer is scheduled to retire in early 2007, Chief Milositz advised the Commission that the Department's list of firefighter candidates has expired. A new list of candidates will have to be compiled. The consensus of the Commission was that this issue should be placed on the agenda for the Commission's October meeting.
5. Town Pension Board – Lt. Michelsen advised the Commission that the Board of Selectmen announced it will name as trustees to the Pension Board, a member of the Wilton Board of Education and a member of the Wilton Board of Finance, with Wilton Chief Financial Officer Joe Dolan being named ex officio to the Pension Board. The current trustees are the 5 members of the Board of Selectmen. Lt. Michelsen opined that a member of the Fire Union, a member of the Police Union and a member of the Town Hall Employees Union also

should be appointed. The Commission took no action on this matter for the reason that the Commission has no jurisdiction with respect to the Pension Board.

- E. **Adjournment:** At approximately 1923 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned and Chief Milositz and Chairman McCarty departed for the Board of Selectmen's meeting to make the aforementioned presentation.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on October 3, 2006 at Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Secretary - Fire Commission