

FIRE COMMISSION

Town of New Canaan, Conn.
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MINUTES of October 13th, 2009

FINAL and APPROVED

In Attendance:

Jack Horner, Commissioner
Sven Englund, Commissioner
Firefighter Lawrence Pitt
Mr. Alexander Pitt

Chief Edward Karl
Assistant Chief Jack Hennessey
Assistant Chief Russell Kimes III
Fire Marshal Fred Baker

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Horner at 7:31 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of the Minutes from the last meeting-

The Minutes of the September 8th meeting were read by Secretary Englund. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes as amended was approved unanimously. The Minutes were entered into the Record.

Chairman's Report:

Commissioner Horner reported that Chairman Williams is unable to attend this evening.

Chief's Report:

Chief Karl reported for September there were 81 calls, of which 3 were fires, 6 were rescues, 19 hazardous conditions, 15 miscellaneous and service calls, and 38 were false alarms. Tanker 8 is out for warrantee repairs and is expected back this week. The brakes on Engine 2 were binding and it was sent to the DPW garage for repair. The Chief thanked the members of IAFF Local 3224 for fire prevention work at the schools and thanked the members of NCFC #1 for the open house, mentioning especially the BullEx fire extinguisher trainer the Company purchased.

Assistant Chief Kimes reported 888 hours of training by all personnel in September. A mutual aid tanker drill with Wilton was held. The Pump Operator certification test was given and the Safety Officer course will be held here this weekend. Monthly drills will cover SCBA and Tanker operations.

Assistant Chief Hennessey reported the financial reports are up to date and we are under budget to date. Detailed spreadsheets are attached to the record.

Commissioner Horner asked about the accountability system ID badges. Assistant Chief Hennessey said NCVAC is considering buying the software rather than continuing efforts to write their own version.

Assistant Chief Kimes said the BULLEX fire extinguisher training is popular and several groups are scheduled for training sessions.

Fire Marshal's Report:

Fire Marshal Baker reported there were 85 inspections, 12 plan reviews and 6 investigations by the Fire Marshal or his office during the month. New Canaan Mounted Troop work is complete. A new diner is under construction at 20 Forest St. Investigations continued at St. John's Place. An oil spill on Rosebrook Road was investigated and is of undetermined origin. A complaint of an illegal rooming house on Lakeview Avenue was unfounded.

New dry hydrant locations on Trinity Pass Road, Canoe Hill Road and West Road are being investigated. Repair of a dry hydrant on Michigan Road is under negotiation. Possible cistern installations on Brushy Ridge Road and West Hills Lane are being considered.

Commissioner Horner asked if there is money in the budget to cover dry hydrant maintenance now that the Town has been found responsible for maintenance in the Hoyt Farms sub-division. If not we need to budget for it next year.

Old Business: Mr. Alexander Pitt reported the completion of his Eagle Scout project to mark the hydrants and dry hydrants with striping on the utility poles. Fourteen people were involved in the project taking 270 hours and marking 275 pressurized hydrants and 25 dry hydrants. The Fire Commission and Officers and offered Mr. Pit their heartfelt thanks for his work to improve safety for all citizens and firefighters in New Canaan.

New Business: Assistant Chief Hennessey reported the Town's hired consultant has performed a building assessment. The Flu Plan was approved as is. The results of the payroll audit have not been released.

Chief Karl noted that a Turbo Draft appliance would cost \$3600. We will try to borrow one for trial and consider it as a capital item.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the firehouse.

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Sven R. Englund, Commissioner
Secretary of the Commission

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- A Motion to approve the minutes of September 8th as amended was unanimously approved.
- A Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.