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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 22, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pat Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Michael Zuccarelli, Mary Jane Mulligan, Peter Criscuolo & Joseph Cappucci. Also present were Chief Paul Januszewski and Deputy Chief David Marcarelli.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to amend the special meeting agenda to include the organizational meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Michael Freda presiding over the election of commissioners. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

First Selectman, Michael Freda discussed that the town charter dictates that every two years the First Selectman must meet with all elected Boards and Commissions for reorganization. First Selectman then stated he will ask for nominations for the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to nominate Pasquale Nuzzolillo to retain his seat as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded. Then Commissioner Criscuolo closed nominations.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo made a motion to nominate Michael Zuccarelli as Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded. Then Commissioner Criscuolo closed nominations.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to nominate Mary Jane Mulligan as Secretary of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Cappucci seconded. Then Commissioner Cappucci closed nominations.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Mr. Freda congratulated all the commissioners and thanked them all for their efforts and outstanding commitment to the Fire Department and to this commission. History has been made with the first female commissioner, congratulations to Mary Jane Mulligan. Also, congratulations to the longest sitting commissioner Peter Criscuolo. He also thanked Chief Januszewski, Deputy Chief Marcarelli, Administrative Assistant Yvonne Zilinski and the entire fire department for all their service throughout the year. Lastly, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman wished everyone a very Happy Holiday.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2015. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief's Report. He discussed EMS calls; training; budget status year-to-date; structure fires; FFI class; thank you to Nelcon for donating a bus for the live burn; and stated the sick/injury will be discussed in executive session.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked the commission for nominating him once again as Chairman. He also thanked all the members of the fire department for their dedication and their families for

sharing them. Lastly, he thanked all the residents for always supporting the fire department. Commissioner Cappucci thanked the Chairman for those kind words.

Chief Januszewski discussed the correspondence received within the department. Chairman Nuzzolillo shared a verbal communication from a resident thanking the department for their compassion and quality work on scene.

Chief Januszewski discussed the unfinished business in the department. He spoke of Co. # 3 & Co. # 4 further construction beginning 1/3/16 lasting 90 days; ladder truck estimates to refurbish T1; promotional testing for both Lt and entry level applications ends 12/31/15; volunteer application revised – committee still reviewing; SCBA leasing underway after approval at last month’s meeting; lastly; generator bid in process of being awarded. Chief Januszewski then discussed the description of SCBA’s for a better understanding to our residents.

Chief Januszewski discussed the new business in the department. He spoke of the Mutual Aid Policy with surrounding towns and R5 Application which is pending.

Chairman Nuzzolillo welcomed new commissioner Mary Jane Mulligan after the loss of Sam Muzio and William Mitchell’s substitution during the remainder of Sam’s term she was elected in and is the first female commissioner. She will be a wonderful addition to the commission and welcome aboard. Commissioner Mulligan thanked everyone.

Chief Januszewski spoke of the good of the department. The annual Food & Toy drives were once again held by volunteers and were very successful even helping our own residents as well as Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet. Thank you to all the volunteers for their dedication every year. Happy Holidays to all!

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked President Brian Marino of Local 2987 if he had any comments. On behalf of Local 2987 he wished all the commission and department as well as all the residents a very happy holiday season!

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo motioned to convene an executive session at 6:30 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.  
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion to appoint Anthony McKinney to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. at West Ridge Company #3 for the remainder of the term ending 12/31/16, effective immediately. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.  
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion to carry over the approved unused vacation days from 2015 for Firefighter’s Rich Filosi - 4 days and Chris Shea - 12 days into calendar year 2016. Commissioner Cappucci seconded.  
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion to accept Henry Bessonett into Fire-Police at West Ridge Company #3, effective immediately.  
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any public comments. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Anthony McKinney thanked the commission for his appointment and allowing him to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt of West Ridge.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 7:10 PM. Commissioner Cappucci seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Mulligan, Secretary

**The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2016 at Recreation Center – Game Room.**

**Minutes by Yvonne Zilinski**