

**Town of Marlborough
Fire Commission Regular Meeting
December 18, 2023
6:00PM
Fire Station #2, 200 West Rd. Marlborough, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Laliberte called the meeting to order at 18:06. Present and seated were Alan Laliberte, Dave LeBlanc and Patrick Pabouet and Kevin Gentile

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to accept prior months minutes with minor typographical errors corrected.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Water treatment at Company #2 was discussed. Hydro Pure stated water heater needed replacement and recommended a salt filtration system. Commission discussed proposal and debated how to address needed backwash facility that would be needed due to station being on septic. Hydro Pure Quoted \$4600.00 for their portion of work but handling of backwash was not included. Town Manager Porter stated that if routine monthly maint. was needed (I.E. salt additions) it could be handled by town personnel.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Calendar of meetings was set.

January 22, 2024

February 26, 2024

March 18, 2024

April 15, 2024

May 20, 2024

June 17, 2024

July 15, 2024

August 19, 2024

September 16, 2024

October 21, 2024

November 18, 2024

December 16, 2024

January 27, 2025

No other new business.

- FIRE CHIEF REPORT

- Department annual physicals are almost complete
- Responder stipend request was submitted to accounting
- Ladder testing complete with no failures
- Monthly bills were submitted and reviewed.

FD Membership:

No new members reported.

a. Fire Apparatus:

All frontline apparatus in service

b. Training & Drills:

- Annual required live burns were completed last month
- Electric vehicle fire and safety class scheduled for January
- Working on schedule for completion of other annual mandatory training during inclement winter months

c. Fire Stations:

-Company #1- Nothing to report

-Company #2 -Still working with Town to address ongoing water issue and getting quotes to update kitchen hood suppression system

6. FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

a. Reports: No major fires in Town

b. Investigations: None.

c. Plan Reviews: Working on Plan review for new Starbucks/gas station

-FM Asklar requested that the commission address his need for a Town vehicle to attend out of town continuing education classes and for inspections.

-FM Asklar objected to Commissions previous vote to bring kitchen hood and suppression system into compliance, stating he did not believe it met the requirements per NFPA 1 chapter 39. The Commission countered with the argument that the station has an existing installed and tagged system and it should be maintained and

serviced regularly. Commission voted unanimously to continue pursuing project.

-FM Asklar requested that the Commission inquire why the Town is withholding compensation and only paying him for 4 hours weekly regardless of time invested. Commission asked FM Asklar for an accounting of Town payments and payment stubs so that they can follow up with the Town Manager and Accounting. He stated he would provide documentation at the next meeting. The Commission asserts that the Fire Marshal is a stipend position and that no 4 hour min/max has ever been discussed.

-FM Asklar informed the Commission that if the Town would only allot 4 hours weekly, some plan reviews would have to be subcontracted to outside professionals costing the applicants considerably more money and time to complete projects. FM Asklar agreed that he would complete existing plan reviews regardless of time overages, but moving forward further discussion is needed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pabouet made a motion to adjourn the Fire Commission meeting at 19:35, Commissioner LeBlanc seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Laliberte
Fire Commissioner