

**Fire Commission Regular Meeting  
Minutes**

**Date: Monday, April 17, 2023**

**Time: 1800**

**Location: Fire Station #2, 200 West Rd Marlborough CT**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Michael Schadtle called the meeting to order at 18:00.

Present were Alan Laliberte, Michael Schadtle, David LeBlanc, Patrick Pabouet, and Kevin Gentile.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2023**

Alan Laliberte motioned to approve March 20, 2023 minutes. Kevin Gentile seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

**3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Patrick Pabouet stated he spoke with Town Manager, Amy Traversa, regarding moving the office back to Fire House 2. Amy stated it cannot because it was already being used. She showed Patrick the new office space and stated she will issue new keys for the office but first needs the old keys back.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**6. FIRE CHIEF REPORT – FC Kevin Asklar**

- Rescue – second invoice submitted to town and was told that the leasing company should be submitting the payment for that.
- FC Kevin Asklar submitted a request to attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting and would like members of the Fire Commission to attend as well. Concerning the HT517 Fire Engine replacement, FC Kevin Asklar

stated it was requested by Peter Hughes, Town Planner, that they go and request the \$50,000 check to secure down payment for the truck in order to lock in price, start the progress to get the truck in order to not see anymore price increases. FC Asklar stated he was asked to attend a Board of Selectmen's meeting to explain Sourcewell and answered several questions to clear up misinformation. Board of Selectmen agreed to move forward with \$50,000 down payment. The Board of Finance agreed to move to a town meeting and approved the \$50,000 down payment. To date the check has not been signed by the Town Manager. FC Asklar submitted to the Fire Commission a copy of the Town Meeting minutes that states approval of the \$50,000 down payment for the Fire Truck (attachment #1). FC Asklar submitted to the Fire Commission a copy of the Spartan Fire Chassis FT Builder Databook Updates – April 2023 (attachment #2).

Kevin Gentile motioned to encourage Board of Selectmen to have purchase order or check for HT517 Fire Engine signed by Board of Selectmen or Town Manager and sent out Wednesday in order to lock in price. David LeBlanc seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

- Station 1, waiting for quotes for repairs of Station 1 leaks over bay area.
- Station 2, long laundry list of things that are needed have been submitted and still waiting for resolution.
- Getting ready for burn training and looking for location.
- J & S radio ordered through the town crew.
- Purchase request for forceable entry door training to Fire Commission and signed.
- Hose testing will take place in warmer weather.
- Request for a piece of apparatus to take to East Hampton 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade.

Alan Laliberte motioned to allow Fire Chief to authorize an engine for the East Hampton 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade. David LeBlanc seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

## **7. FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – FM Joe Asklar**

- Busy center of town project is going well and the contractor excellent. Inspected LP gas tank on West Rd. Minor things to be done.

- Has a Zoom meeting on May 8, 2023 with State of CT and looking for town computer to attend meeting.
- Compensation is needed to exceed the four hours that are budgeted for FM Asklar.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Patrick Pabouet motioned to adjourn at 19:04. David LeBlanc seconded. All in favor and motion to adjourn carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Santos-Lewis  
Board Clerk