



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Regular Meeting  
September 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm  
Newtown Hook & Ladder  
12 Church Hill Rd. Newtown Ct. 06470

**Meeting Opened By:** Pat Reilly, Chairman at 7:00 pm

**Commissioners Present:** Pat Reilly, Tim Whelan, Ron Bolmer, Tom Fitzgerald, Jeff Dugan, Jay Nezvesky & Brian Sharnick

**Chiefs —** Chief Ward, Ass't Chief P Basso, Chief Murphy & Chief Andrew White

**Marshals-** Rich Frampton, David Ober & Steve Murphy

**Pledge of Allegiance-**

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** Pat Reilly noted that an email was sent out to each chief asking for a fiscal membership list 21-22 for finance -WC Audit. Please get this to Nancy as soon as possible.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** from August 22, 2022 meeting

A motion was made by Jeff Dugan to accept the minute

Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald.

Passed unanimously

**COMMUNICATIONS-** Botsford reelected Jay Nezvesky for another 3 year term as commissioner.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** Tax Abatement- add to New Business -Firefighters that live out of town.

**REPORTS**

**Fire Marshal** –Reports were not read but will be included with the minutes.

**Purchasing Agent –**

\*Advantage Payroll changed to Paychex Flex- will be charging the same fee's (Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed to go with this company)

Last year's fees came out to approximately \$2,500.00 for the year including all check, 1099s and shipping.

\*Membership rosters for 21-22 fiscal year 21-22 WC audit- This can also be used for payroll. Please remember to send them.

\*Hose was ordered with a few minor changes to meet the 22-23 budgeted amounts.

\*Foam ordered- 20 pails ordered and delivered to Sandy Hook.

\*Gloves and Hoods- Chiefs please get sizes and quantities and also make and style to Purchasing Agent so he can order them.

-Hose testing is scheduled for October 11, 12, 13 & 27<sup>th</sup> if needed. Hose, Appliances & Nozzles will be done.

\*Ground Ladder Testing Complete- waiting on invoices.

\*Truck Services- complete-waiting on invoices-

**Combined Chiefs/ Radio Committee Sub Committee-** – Chief Murphy reported they will meet after this meeting.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **PPE & Policy –**

\*Brian Sharnick reported that the physician he found is in talks with the Town Attorney over liability insurance, just waiting on the paperwork. (Dr. Smith, Danbury Hospital ER Doctor Local to Newtown- ex Firefighter and knows what is needed).

\*Brian also reported that "One Test" cancer screening has agreed to lower the price to \$100/firefighter and have "Physicians One" do the blood draw and send out the supplied vial in the supplied addressed, postage paid box to "One Test".

### **Radio/Hydrant- J**

\*Jeff Dugan reported that he has contact the tank cleaning company and have them come out and Clean, Inspect and find/ fix the leak on the Wentworth Tank.

\*Botsford's dry hydrant on Marlin Rd. was broken off, it was repaired and Botsford tested it and could not get a draft, we will have it looked at again to see if there is debris in the pipe or if a new head is needed.

**Radio Sub Committee-** Nothing to report

**Truck-** \*Tim Whelan reported that all truck services are complete, he will work on getting the invoices.

\*Tim also reported that there was a small accident involving- Hook and Ladder OIC vehicle and a garage door. Thank you for letting the truck committee know of the accident.

**Budget-** Jay Nezvesky reported that he sent out the 23-24 Budget templates to the Chiefs/ Fire Marshal and has received 2 completed budgets back. Still waiting on the others, he wanted to make sure that everyone received the email.

\*Pat Reilly noted that they met with the First Selectman and Finance Director on the CIP- nothing new was added, but want to increase each existing item by \$25,000 to cover increases. Command vehicles are not in the CIP- Tim Whelan will do a spread sheet as to the years etc. The truck committee will try to figure out how to forecast purchasing these issues.

\*ARP- Selectman had a recent meeting- The minutes reflect- Discussion on the additional request from the Board of Fire Commissioners. Pat will follow up with the First Selectman.

**Fire Admin- Sub-committee-** Brian Sharnick reported that the committee met with the Chiefs to get their opinion and ideas on what they feel the Fire Administrator duties should be. The committee and the Board will meet to discuss and to solidify duties, hours and compensation of this position prior to taking the next step.

**NUSAR-** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS-** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman are open-

\*Jeff Dugan nominated Pat Reilly as Chairman, Jay Nezvesky seconded – Motion passed unanimously.

\*Jay nominated Tim Whelan for Vice Chairman; Pat Reilly seconded - Motion passed unanimously.

\*Annual Dinner- Nostrano Restaurant - Nancy will contact them and get a menu/cost and will email everyone with details.

\* Tax Abatement- Volunteers that live out of town- Need to get a list from all 5 department that have members that live out of town or members that do not own any property for tax abatement. Follow the same tier amounts policy as we do for regular tax abatement. We need to figure out the financial impact before moving forward.

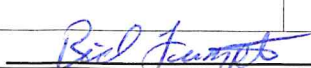
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting By Jay Nezvesky  
Seconded by Seconded by Brian Sharnick- Passed unanimously

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy Schreiner, BOFC Clerk

## FIRE MARSHAL'S COMBINED MONTHLY TIME SUMMARY

CODE	CATEGORY	INCIDENTS	HOURS
A	FIRE CALLS	4	
B	FIRE INVESTIGATION	2	
C	FOLLOW UP INVEST.	2	
D	BUILDING & SITE		
	1. Building Inspections	41	
	2. Site Inspections	25	
	3. C.O. Inspections	4	
	4. Suppression & Dry Hyd	3	
	5. Tank Removals	3	
	6. Burn Permits	0	
	7. Fire Drills	4	
E	FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS	16	
F	OFFICE	308	
G	COURT APPEARANCE	0	
H	PLAN REVIEWS	11	
I	TRAINING	0	
J	PURCHASING	140	
O	OTHER-Rich	9	
O	OTHER-Dave	3	
O	OTHER- Steve	0	
O	OTHER-Jamillynn	0	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>383</b>
Rich	Run Fire Pump NMC	3	
	Deposit- NSB	2	
	St. Rose- knox box	1	
	Barnwood- knox box	1	
	unlock 45 Main St.	1	
	PD- occupancy	1	
Dave			
	Run Fire Pump - Muni Center	2	
	St. Rose- knox box	1	
Steve			
Jami			
August 2022 Reporting Month			
		Marshal's Signature	



TYPE OF CALL	HOW MANY	TYPE/DATE	DESCRIPTION	\$ LOSS	
ALARMS	23	STRUCTURE			
ANIMAL RESCUE (ICE RESCUE)	0	8/23/2022	7 Sunset Hill Rd.	20,000.00	
ELECTRICAL WIRES/ TREES ON WIRES	14				
BRUSH	6				
CONTROLLED/ILLEGAL BURNING	2	VEHICLE			
C.O. DETECTOR	4	8/15/2022 1-84	NH&L		
FALSE CALLS	0				
HAZ-MAT	7				
MUTUAL AID	7				
STRUCTURES	1				
RESCUE	0	APPLIANCE			
EMS/MEDICAL	20				
SERVICE/GOOD INTENT	0				
SMOKE/ODOR SCARE	11				
VEHICLES	1	OTHER			
EXTRICATION	0	8/7/2022	Dumpster- Dodgingtown	\$0.00	
MVA	12				
WATER EVACUATION	0		TOTAL	20,000.00	
CHIMNEY	0				
OTHER-Tree on structure/ Dumpster	1				
PUBLIC SERVICE	8				
APPLIANCE	0				
TOTAL	117				
		FIRE COMPANY RESPONSE TOTALS		MONTH	YTD
		5130	NEWTOWN HOOK & LADDER	35	722
		5131	BOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE	18	382
		5132	DODGINGTOWN FIRE	10	263
		5133	HAWLEVILLE FIRE	15	311
		5134	SANDY HOOK VOL. FIRE & RESCUE	39	620
			TOTALS	117	2298

Fire Company's Calls 117  
The Fire Marshals had 575 incidents and 383 Hours worked.  
Permits: 0 blasting \$0.00, 2 tanks \$40.00, burn \$0.00, reports \$0.0 Total \$40.00