



City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown

May 13, 2025

Minutes

A meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department, Allingtown was held on Tuesday, May 13th at 355 Main Street, West Haven.

Present were Commissioners Iris Diaz, Troy Tappin, Andrea Palumbo and Alternate Commissioner Frederick Brown. Also present was Fire Marshal Flood and Chief Terenzio. Commissioner Diaz called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Administrative Assistant DeVellis called the roll and declared a quorum. Commissioner Diaz stated that Alternate Commissioner Brown will sit in for Commissioner Sikorsky.
3. Approval of April 8, 2025 meeting minutes. Chief Terenzio made a change to the Minor Park update. He stated that if the Admiral Station was staffed with a lieutenant and a driver, it would increase the departments compliance in meeting ISO and NFPA response time requirements to 98%. Commissioner Palumbo made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Tappin.
4. Public Session: None
5. Finance: Reviewed and accepted the list of processed Invoices/Revenue.
6. Communications: None
7. Report of Chief: Chief Terenzio gave a written and oral report for the month of April which will be kept on file.

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Chief Terenzio stated that interviews for the Deputy Fire Chief position have been completed and awaiting the completed contract before an official announcement will be made. Anticipated start date is June 2, 2025.

Recruit candidate P. FungFook will be graduating from the academy next week.

A female, lateral recruit candidate, R. Lanzieri was interviewed by the commission to fill the open vacancy. She will be completing her paramedic training in September. Anticipated start date will be June 2, 2025.

The annual mandated firefighter physicals will be scheduled for the beginning of June. They will again be performed in conjunction with the two independent fire districts.

Equipment/Apparatus:

RI: Out of service. Completion will be in June.

Marine 1: It will be repainted and stenciled with our department name. Cost will be under 1K.

UTV1: Fire pump back in service.

C9: Driver's side mirror warning light mounts resecured.

FM vehicle build date will be May 28th. Currently working with vendors to purchase a cap portion in this fiscal budget. The outfitting of lights/sirens will be completed in the next fiscal budget.

Minor Park: The Annex is nearly complete. Exterior site work and cement walkway will be completed shortly.

Admiral Station: Replacing or repainting of the large wood trim around the bay door.

Budget FY25-26: Submitted.

ARPA Funding: All ARPA funding has been either encumbered or applied to approved projects.

Grants Progress –

Safer Grant – Preliminary preparation on another request in anticipation of staffing Admiral Street station.

Chief Terenzio gave an update on the two two-alarm fires that occurred on Sunday, April 27th.

The fire that occurred on the top floor at 116 Hemlock Street could have been a lot worse. Thanks to an aggressive and effective fire attack, the fire was brought under control in approximately 20 minutes after it was initially reported. Shortly after, a call for a reported structure fire at 281 Dogburn Rd came in. A large industrial complex that deals with plastics. The second fire involved a manufacturing industrial machine and associated 40-foot-long conveyor equipment. This fire became hot enough to activate the building sprinkler system and associated alarm which alerted the city's 911 center.

With all West Haven fire personnel committed to two simultaneous second-alarm fires, neighboring fire departments promptly answered the call for mutual aid, ensuring uninterrupted coverage for the rest of the city. This clearly demonstrates the strong and effective regional partnerships in place.

8. Report of Fire Marshal:

FM Flood stated that several abatement orders were reviewed by himself and Deputy FM Grodzicki. A plan is being implemented. The CES program is moving forward.

FM Flood discussed the fire at City Line Distributors. The cause of the fire was due to a main breaker on the machine being left on for over 30 hours.

9. Old Business: Discussed earlier

10. New Business:

Alternate Commissioner Brown made a statement concerning his status. He stated that The Connecticut general statutes section 8-19A defines alternate commissioners. He referenced the city's ordinances for Economic Development Commission and Disabilities Commission regarding how alternate commissioners operate.

11. Executive Session:

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Palumbo at 7:08 p.m. seconded by Alternate Commissioner Brown.

A motion to go into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Palumbo; seconded by Commissioner Diaz at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Diaz at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Palumbo.

Minutes recorded by Administrative Assistant Melissa DeVellis.

