

Town of Hamden
Fire Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Memorial Town Hall at 2372 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

A regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Commission opened on January 18, 2023 at the Hamden Memorial Town Hall, located at 2372 Whitney Avenue.

Commissioners in Attendance: Nancy Hill, Cherlyn Poindexter, Samod Rankins, and Gary Tinney, Chair. Also in Attendance: Clerk for the Commission, Patrice LeMoine. Absent: Victor Mitchell and Fire Chief Jeffrey Naples.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Tinney called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A roll call was taken, confirming a quorum was present.
2. **Public and Media Comments regarding the Agenda:** Two residents of the town were welcomed and both had no comment nor message to share.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Board agreed to move agenda item #3 to the end of the meeting. Mr. Tinney requested a motion. Ms. Poindexter motioned to move agenda item #3 to follow item #7. Mr. Rankins seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.
4. **Correspondence:** Mr. Tinney noted for the record Fire Chief Naples addressed a letter to the Commissioners dated January 10, 2023. He wrote of his concern to the Commissioners about holding the interviews for the placement of the Entry-Level Firefighter EMT position without his presence nor a member of the department for proper input.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Department reports were not available due to Fire Chief Naples not being present this evening. Therefore, the reports are tabled until the February meeting.
 - b. FY 2022-23 Budget update – The budget information is to be tabled until the February meeting.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Staffing and Recruitment Efforts – due to Fire Chief Naples not being present this evening, the information will be presented at the February meeting.

Note: Ms. LeMoine confirmed that she forwarded the Commissioners' request to meet with Attorneys Gruen and Dureo. Attorney Gruen confirmed that the request was received and she forwarded the same to Attorney Dureo. It is expected that they will attend the regular meeting scheduled for February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

7. Other items for discussion: There was nothing to present.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Tinney requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Mr. Rankins motioned to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2022 meeting as presented. Ms. Poindexter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tinney then requested a motion to approve the December meeting. Ms. Poindexter motioned to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the December 12, 2022 meeting as presented. Ms. Hill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tinney requested a motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting. Mr. Rankins motioned to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hill and passed unanimously.

Mr. Tinney noted approval of the January 11, 2023 minutes will be tabled until the February 15, 2023 meeting. All were in agreement.

8. Executive Session: Nothing to present.

9. Adjournment: Mr. Tinney requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rankins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Ms. Hill seconded, and all were in favor.

Submitted by:

s/Patrice A. LeMoine
Clerk for the Commission