



WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS WESTFIELD FIRE COMMISSION



MEETING MINUTES Regular Schedule Meeting

Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli called the meeting of the Westfield Fire Commission (hereinafter WFC) of January 7, 2019 to order.

Location: Little River Fire Station
Community Room
366 Little River Road
Westfield, Massachusetts

Date: January 7, 2019

Time: 1800 hours (1900 hours)



MINUTES TAKEN:

Ms Patricia Breton, Westfield Fire Department Head Clerk

Chairman's announcement:

The Chairman of the Westfield Fire Commission, Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli in accordance with the Open Meeting Law Changes (Reference Memorandum dated June 18, 2010 'Open Meeting Law Changes'), from the Office of the City Solicitor, made the following announcement to all participants and attendees that the Westfield Fire Commission Regular Schedule meeting of January 7, 2019 is being audio recorded and if the Westfield Fire Commission meeting at any time goes into executive session all audio equipment will be turned off to include all recording devices of audio and video and any transmission of video and or audio..

The Chairman of the Westfield Fire Commission, Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli also made the following inquiry that if there is anyone making a video or audio recording of the meeting please indicate this to the Chair, and also announced that this Westfield Fire Commission meeting of January 7, 2019, is not being electronically transmitted via TV or via the internet by the City of Westfield.

City Council Member Matthew Emmershy from 36 Fowler Street was doing a live stream of the meeting.

Peter Currier of the Westfield News was recording the meeting.

PRESENT:

Westfield Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli and Westfield Fire Commissioner Patrick Olearcek., Deputy Fire Chiefs Eric Bishop and Seth Ellis, Fire Captains Chris

King, Chris Kane and Rebecca Boutin. Firefighters Tim Black, David Avezzie, Beth Aucoin, Eric Liptak, Matt Marchesi, Matt Medeiros, Aaron Lafrenaye, and Joseph Szenda. Fire Mechanic Chris Bard. Office of the City Solicitor Attorney Jeff Krok, Ms. Hope Tremblay from the Republican, Mr. Fred Gore, Mr. Curt Gezotis, Mr. Bill Boutin, Ms. Kate Kuzikowski and Mr. Peter Currier from the Westfield News. City Council Councilor Matthew Emmershay along with other city council member who did not sign in.

Westfield Temporary Fire Chief was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Let the record show that Commissioner Carlo Bonavita was not present.

Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli announced that he could not proceed with the meeting at this time, because the City Clerk made a mistake when posting the time. He will reconvene with the meeting at 1900 hours, as it was posted on the web site. We will postpone the meeting for the hour.

READING OF THE RECORDS OF:

Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli ascertained a motion to approve the Fire Commission Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2018.

Fire Commissioner Patrick Olearcek made a motion to approve the December 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: City Councilor Matt Emmershay just wants to clarify that item 5 and 6 have been removed from the agenda.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

a. Introduction - Commissioner Masciadrelli, on behalf of the WFC, expressed thanks to all that have attended tonight. He and members of the WFC also thanked the members of the Westfield Fire Department (hereinafter 'WFD'), for their extraordinary service since the last meeting was held. He receives many excellent supportive comments from the Community as well as the Hill Town Communities, as he himself travels throughout and wants to pass that along to the members of the WFD, WFC and Community. Commissioner wished everyone a safe and healthy New Year.

b. Late Communications –

Deputy Chief Eric Bishop read a thank you from Tryon and Heidi Cote of Southwick wanting to thank Firefighters Kyle Morrissey and David Albert for

their phenomenal service. They had fantastic communication and excellent clinical skills. This was in November of 2018.

- c. Letters & Communications – Deputy Bishop discussed some training that is being done. Housing has been obtained through the Noise Admingation Program of Westfield. Four houses have been made available to the Fire Department. This will provide opportunities to enhance our training. The houses will be available for another six months, for us to have the opportunity to do ranch style building along with two stories. We can use the smoke machine to smoke up the house and provide new firefighters with realistic decreased visibility and rescue opportunities. This is through Jane Wiley.

MOTION:

The Fire Commission Chairman Albert Masciadrelli ascertained a motion to adjourn.

Westfield Fire Commissioner Patrick Olearcek made a motion adjourn.

Fire Commissioner Masciadrelli seconded the motion.

Motion pass

TIME: 1906 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Olearcek
Secretary, Westfield Fire Commission
PO/ajm/pab

