



# STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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## Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Stamford Fire Commission held December 11, 2018

**Call to order:** 5:13 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence:** Chairman Melzer asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in gratitude to all Uniformed personnel who have served and who serve our Nation and our Communities, and in remembrance for those who have lost their lives in said service.

**Attendees:** Commissioners Melzer, Hubbard, Holmes & Alswanger; Chief Roach, AC Robles, AC Morris; PSH&W Director Jankowski; Absent: Commissioner Lodato

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Chief Report:** N/A

By motion duly made by Commissioner Alswanger, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, and approved by all, the Commission moved to suspend the Agenda taking up item #6 Personnel Issues.

Motion: By motion duly made the Commission moved to go into Executive Session at 5:17 pm to discuss the interview process. Motion: By motion duly made the Commission moved to come out of Executive Session at 5:31pm. No action was taken in Executive Session

### **Personnel Issues:**

#### Interviews for the position of Fire Marshal.

At the onset of each interview the Commission asked each candidate if they wished the interview to be open or closed. If the candidate requested a closed interview, the Commission moved to go into Executive Session, at the end of each interview the Commission moved to come out of Executive Session. If the candidate elected an open interview, the interview was held in the open and not in Executive Session.

The chart below reflects how each candidate wished their respective interview to be:

Fire Marshal Interview	
NAME	Interview: open or closed
Walter Seely	Closed
Chad Armstrong	Closed
Robert Sollitto	Closed

Upon completion of final Fire Marshal interview that was held in Executive Session, the Commission remained in Executive Session to discuss the interviews.

**Motion:** By motion duly made the Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:03pm.

**Motion:** By motion duly made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and approved by all, the Commission moved to promote Walter Seely to the position of Fire Marshal.

#### Interviews for the position of Assistant Fire Marshal.

At the onset of each interview the Commission asked each candidate if they wished the interview to be open or closed. If the candidate requested a closed interview, the Commission moved to go into Executive Session, at the end of each interview the Commission moved to come out of Executive Session.

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If the candidate elected an open interview, the interview was held in the open and not in Executive Session.

The chart below reflects how each candidate wished their respective interview to be:

Assistant Fire Marshal Interview	
NAME	Interview: open or closed
Chad Armstrong	Closed interview earlier in meeting
Walter Seely	Not considered – Appointed to Fire Marshal
Andrew Boraski	Closed
David Francis	Closed

Upon completion of final Assistant Fire Marshal interview that was held in Executive Session, the Commission remained in Executive Session to discuss the interviews.

**Motion:** By motion duly made the Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:45 pm.

**Motion:** By motion duly made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard and approved by all, the Commission moved to promote Chad Armstrong to the position of Assistant Fire Marshal.

Commissioner Alswanger wanted to commend the candidates stating they were incredibly strong candidates and to commend the Chiefs for the talent they are developing. The Chief in turn thanked the Commission for the many hours they spend on the interviews and their commitment to the process.

**Adjournment:** By motion duly made the Commission moved to adjourn at 7:47pm.