



# STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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## Draft Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission held Monday, January 5, 2015

**Call to order:** Commissioner Melzer called the meeting to order at 2:09pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Commissioner's Melzer, Hubbard, Lyons, Lodato & Holmes (2:27pm);  
Chief Brown, AC Roach, AC Morris. Absent: n/a

Public Attendance: Fire Captain Paul Newman, Local 786

**Public Comment:** Paul Newman wished the Commission a Happy New Year

**Chief's Report:** Chief Brown gave the Chiefs report.

Chief Brown stated that it has been primarily a routine month. He did want to discuss a particular situation and gave a report on an issue involving the Southside of Stamford Hospital in the Westside, Broadstreet & West Main area related to low water pressure of hydrant(s) as identified by Fire department at a fire call. Aquarion water company was contacted of the situation and the Fire department has increased its units responding in the areas identified. Aquarion is working on the problem and has a project in place to install a large main which is expected to start February 1, 2015. The Chief wanted to bring this to the attention of the Fire Commission. The Mayors office has been briefed already. Discussion took place. The Chief stated that Aquarion is responsible for the mains and that the hydrants are primarily owned by the City and maintenance is performed annually by Aquarion.

### Personnel Issues: Interviews & promotions for the positions of Fire Captain & Fire Lieutenant

#### Interview & appointment for the position of Fire Captain:

At the onset of each interview the Commission asked each candidate if they wished the interview to be an open or closed interview. If the candidate requests 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 session.

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

Name	Open or Closed
Brian Ohleth	open
Andrew Perry	closed
James Mastro	open
Ryan Kerwin	closed

**Motion:** By motion duly made the Commission voted to go into Executive session to discuss the interviews of candidates at 3:07pm.

**Motion:** By motion duly made the Commission voted to come out of Executive session at 3:30pm.

**Motion:** Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to appoint a candidate for the position of Fire Captain. Commissioner Lyons moved to appoint Brian Ohleth to the position of Fire Captain, seconded by Commissioner Lodato and approved by all.

#### Interview and appointment for the position of Fire Lieutenant:

At the onset of each interview the Commission asked each candidate if they wished the interview to be an open or closed interview. If the candidate requests a closed interview, the Commission moved to go into

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Open or Closed</b>
Angelo Ripegno	closed
Todd Brennan	closed
Joseph Maida	closed
Andrew Boraski	closed
Matthew Strangio	closed
Donald Lowndes	closed

**Motion:** By motion duly made the Commission voted to go into Executive session to discuss the interviews of candidates at 4:54pm.

**Motion:** By motion duly made the Commission voted to come out of Executive session at 5:03pm.

**Motion:** Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to appoint a candidate for the position of Fire Lieutenant. Commissioner Lyons moved to appoint Todd Brennan to the position of Fire Lieutenant, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and approved by all.

**Adjournment:** After motion duly made the meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.