

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
**Commissioners Conference Room at Fire Headquarters**  
**72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**

**Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 1905 hours. A quorum was present.

**1. Roll Call**

Commissioners John Healy, Jonathan Bercham, Howard Stein, Richard Smith, and William A. Brennan. Also present were Chief Louis A. LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey, Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson, Assistant Chief Al Zingaro, Union President Paul Geer, and Union Vice President Todd Ricci.

**2. Public Statements limited to the function of the Board of Fire Commissioners:**

None.

**3. Consideration of Minutes:**

**Regular Meeting - March 16, 2010**

*Commissioners Smith and Brennan made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2010, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried, with the exception of Commissioner Stein, who was not present at the prior meeting.*

**4. Communications:**

- Thank-you letter addressed to the Chief from Delores Scinto regarding a fall she took on April 7<sup>th</sup>, thanking all who responded, adding that Milford has “fine paramedics”. She enclosed a check for \$25.

*Commissioners Stein and Smith made and seconded a motion to deposit the check into the Good and Welfare Fund. Motion carried unanimously.*

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**5. Committee Reports**

Assistant Chief Johnson reported on the Marine 1 and other trucks.

**6. Chief's Report**

Chief LaVecchia presented to the Board the budget for the coming year, also to be presented to the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor. Discussion was held by all. Commissioner Healy commented that the composition of the budget was very well done.

**7. Unfinished Business**

None.

**8. New Business**

The Chief opened the floor to discussion regarding the Entry-level Firefighter Test. He explained the current test components and the history of the current test requirements. Currently, the Department is working off of a two-year cycled list of potential new recruits.

The Chief also explained that there will be some positions opening in the Department by the expiration of the current recruit list, which is July 29, 2010.

Commissioners Brennan and Smith made and seconded a motion that any position that come available for hire on or before July 29, 2010, the expiration date of the current list, shall be made from the current list. Motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioners Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion about current recruitment. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Chief Zingaro explained to the Board his current recruitment plan. Discussion was held by all as to changes that can be made to the current recruitment process.

**9. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners:**

Commissioner Brennan mentioned the new maintenance truck that the Department bought. He explained that a boom is necessary to avoid injury, and explained the difference in electric and hydraulic booms.

**10. Adjournment**

Commissioners Smith and Stein made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 2034 hours.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by C. Birney