



# BRANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Board of Fire Commissioners MINUTES

January 27, 2005

The January meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on January 27, 2005 at the Canoe Brook Senior Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

**PRESENT** – Chairman Massey, Commissioners Carfora, Fox and LaCroix, Chief Ahern and AC Andrew and AC DaRos.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A motion was made by Commissioner Fox to approve the minutes of November 18, 2004 (Regular Meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous. A motion was made by Commissioner Fox to approve the minutes of December 16, 2004 (Special Meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous. A motion was made by Commissioner Fox to approve the minutes of January 10, 2005 (Special Meeting). Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

**FINANCE** – No report. Commissioner Riccio absent. Chief Ahern is waiting for Personnel and Finance to make the necessary transfers into their respective accounts. Then he will make a determination regarding transfers within the budget for OT.

**PERSONNEL** – No report from Chairman Massey. Chief Ahern stated that the two new FFs have started.

**TRAINING** – No report. Commissioner Clem absent.

**APPARATUS** – Commissioner LaCroix reported Engine 8 is back in service after having a rusted out water tank replaced. Also several trucks have developed leaks and Amatrudo's is addressing. °Marine 5 is in Branford Harbor. °The chassis for the new Engine 1 has been delivered to the factory.

**EMS** – No report from Commissioner Fox.

**BUILDINGS** – No report from Commissioner Carfora.

**PENSION AND COMMUNICATIONS** – No report. Commissioner Clem absent.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** – The Chief reported that the Finance Dept. has not reconciled our payroll accounts to reflect contractual changes including retroactive pay and overtime pay. Those changes must take place before any transfers can occur. Overall the budget is in good shape. °The hydrant and secure key access ordinances have passed the Rules and Ordinance Committees and will go on to the full RTM on February 9, 2005. °The Building Committee met on January 5, 2005 to discuss the proposed renovation/addition project to the Firehouse and Public Works. The Finance dept. has approximately \$30,000 in this year's budget toward the project. Further monies will come from the General Government Buildings fund. °Branford has recently combined their purchasing powers with West Haven, New Haven, East Haven and Guilford fire departments for some medical supplies. °Congratulations to the Explorers

who completed the Medical Response Technician certification program and will be taking their state exam in the near future.

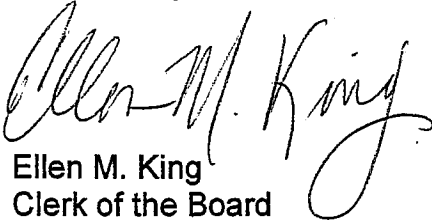
**OLD BUSINESS** – Squad 54 voted to accept the recommended changes by the Chief and the Board in regard to their by-laws. They will remain a squad. A motion was made by Commissioner LaCroix to accept the amended changes to the by-laws. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Co. 1 will be holding their annual fund-raiser on March 1, 2005 (solicitation by mail). A motion was made by Commissioner Fox to approve the fund-raiser. Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous. °M.P. Rice has requested permission to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade. A motion was made by Commissioner Carfora to approve their request. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous. °The town attorney has made a ruling that Co. 4's term "black balled" must be removed 100% from all company fire language. If an individual has already been approved by the Chief, Asst. Chief of Training or the Board, then the company must accept. Every company will have to amend their language to make that necessary change. A motion was made by Commissioner Fox that a letter be sent by the Board to all companies to abide by the decision of the town counsel. Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – A motion was made by Commissioner Fox to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous. °A motion was made by Commissioner Fox to go back into regular session at 9:42 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Commissioner Fox to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ellen M. King  
Clerk of the Board