

**TOWN of RIDGEFIELD – FIRE COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – April 12, 2023 – 6:00 pm**  
**Town Hall Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street**

APPROVED MINUTES

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These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

**In attendance:** R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, Chief Jerry Myers, Laurie Fernandez

**Late Arrival:** B. Manners joined at 7:10pm

**Absent:** S. Connelly

**Agenda**

1. Executive Session – personnel discussion
  2. Communication Status
  3. Firefighter Departure 15-year review
  4. Vehicle & Equipment Status
  5. Activity Report
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

**1. Executive Session – Personnel Discussion**

**Bob Hebert moved to go into executive session at 6:02 pm, inviting in Laurie Fernandez, HR Director; Jerry Myers, Fire Chief; Mickey Grasso, Assistant Fire Chief and a promotional applicant. Motion carried 3-0.**

The Fire Commission returned to Public at 6:32 pm.

**Maureen Kozlark moved and Bob Hebert seconded the motion to promote Firefighter Chris Alward to the Lieutenant position to replace Patrick Holland who retired after 29 years, citing that he was highly recommended. Motion carried 4-0.**

**2. Communication Status**

The Board discussed the poor and/or lack of reception issues with the current portable radios in large buildings. A complete review of the situation will take place in July 2023. No vote was taken.

**3. Firefighter Departure 15-year review**

A historical report covering departures from the Fire Department from 2007 – 2022 was provided. The analysis showed that there was a total of 32 individuals that had left during that time. Of the 32, 12 retired, 14 relocated to other departments and 6 left for other reasons. Further analysis indicated that the number of departures from Ridgefield were equally distributed prior to the change from a pension to a 401A.

**4. Vehicle & Equipment Status**

Chief Myers gave an update on the vehicle and equipment status.

**5. Activity Report**

No activity report was given.

R. Marconi moved and R Hebert seconded the motion to adjourn the Special meeting at 7:29 pm. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted, Gillian Sheerin