

**TOWN of RIDGEFIELD – FIRE COMMISSION**  
**MAY 24, 2017 MEETING**

TOWN HALL LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 6:30 pm

**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, B. Manners, S. Zemo

**Agenda**

1. Executive Session: Fire Chief Interview  
Return to Public; Possible Vote
2. Status of Stations and Equipment
3. Staffing Status and Creating of Hiring Pool
4. Replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles
5. Possible Discussion on Purchase of Safety Equipment
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2/22/17

R. Marconi called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

1. Executive Session: Fire Chief Interview; Return to Public with Possible Vote

**M. Kozlark moved and S. Zemo seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 6:38 pm, inviting Human Resources Director Laurie Fernandez and Acting Fire Chief Jerry Myers to join them. Motion carried 5-0.**

The Board returned to public session at 7:29 pm.

**B. Manners moved and B. Hebert seconded the motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Jerry Myers as Chief of the Fire Department. Motion carried 5-0.** R. Marconi stated that the Fire Commission had exercised due diligence in the internal and external search for a new Fire Chief and are confident they have chosen the perfect person for the job.

2. Status of Stations and Equipment

Jerry Myers provided an overview and stated that floor repairs (due to cracking concrete) to both stations are complete.

3. Staffing Status and Creating of Hiring Pool

Jerry Myers stated everything is working well. Overtime is slightly higher due to four workers compensation cases at the beginning of the year. Anticipate finishing in the black.

4. Replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles

**M. Kozlark moved and B. Manners seconded the motion to approve the use of money from the Drenzek account not to exceed \$24,500 to purchase the SCBA bottles. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Possible Discussion on Purchase of Safety Equipment

**S. Zemo moved and B. Manners seconded the motion to approve the use of money from the Drenzek account not to exceed \$3,100 to purchase 4 rescue task force vest kits, leaving \$725.87 in the account. Motion carried 5-0.**

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2/22/17

**M. Kozlark moved and B. Hebert seconded the motion to approve the 2/22/17 Fire Commission meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 4-0-1 with B. Manners abstaining as she was absent from the meeting.**

**M. Kozlark moved and S. Zemo seconded the motion to adjourn the Fire Commission Meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Gannon Lionetti