

**The Board of Fire Commissioners  
Portsmouth Fire Department**

Station 1  
February 8, 2006

Portsmouth, NH  
1900 hours

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairman Michael Hughes called the meeting to order at 1900 hours and led Pledge of Allegiance. Along with Chairman Hughes, present were Commissioners: Richard Gamester and Paul Wentworth, Chief Christopher LeClaire, Assistant Chief Steven Achilles, Deputy Chief Steven Griswold, Lieutenant Heinz, Firefighters: William McQuillen, Ted Blood, Todd Germain, Mark Herrholz, Jason Gionet and James O'Brien, Media representation: Foster's Daily Democrat and Portsmouth Herald.

**II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion, to accept the minutes of January 18, 2006, made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Wentworth, unanimous.

**III. Reports:**

A. Fire Chief's Reports:

Motion, to accept Chief's Reports 06-013 through 06-017, made by Chairman Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

B. Other (to include internal dept. written communications): None.

**IV. Old Business:** None.

**V. Presentations of Written Communications:**

Chief LeClaire read thank you letters.

Motion, to accept and place on file, thank you letters from Mr. Jarvis and Ms. Bunnell, made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Wentworth, unanimous.

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**VI. New Business:**

Chief LeClaire updated the Commission on the new schedule for CIP and the purchase of a new forestry truck.

**VII. Recognition of Groups or Individuals:**

Chief LeClaire recognized Fr. Pappas for award he received by Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains, Inc for his selfless dedication in caring for those affected by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf States and for his example of serving those who serve.

**VIII. Public Hearings:**

Chief LeClaire led presentation of FY2007 budget proposal.

Motion, to close public hearing, made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Chairman Hughes, unanimous.

Chief requested a five-minute recess.

**IX. Non-public Session:**

Motion, to enter into Non-public Session at 1930 hours, made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Chairman Hughes, unanimous.

Motion, to come out of Non-public Session at 2000 hours, made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Wentworth, unanimous.

The Commission voted unanimously to deny grievance from Local 1313 on the grounds that benefit changes are out of the control of the Commission.

**X. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 2003 hours made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Commissioner Wentworth, unanimous.

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Richard Gamester, Clerk