

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

Station 1
September 20, 2006

Portsmouth, NH
1900 hours

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Wentworth called the meeting to order at 1902 hours and led Pledge of Allegiance. Along with Chairman Wentworth, present were Commissioner Gamester; Chief LeClaire; Assistant Chief Achilles; Deputy Chief Griswold; Captain Pamboukes; Lieutenant Germain & family; Firefighter Trivigno; Fr. Pappas and Becky Wooley.

Excused Absent: Commissioner Hughes.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion, to accept the minutes of August 24, 2006, made by Chairman Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

Motion, to change the order of the agenda and move to New Business, made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Chairman Wentworth, unanimous.

III. Reports:

A. Fire Chief's Reports:

Motion, to accept Chief's Reports 06-066 through 06-070, made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Chairman Wentworth, unanimous.

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

IV. Old Business:

A/C Achilles noted the arrival of the new fire boat to be sometime in October.

V. Presentations of Written Communications: None.

VI. New Business:

Chief LeClaire swore in Todd Germain as Lieutenant.

Chief LeClaire introduced Becky Wooley, PT Account Clerk.

Minutes from September 20, 2006 Continued:

Chief LeClaire spoke about Marine unit, 16' Avon, being beyond repair. Island Marine offered to dispose of the boat for \$750 however would be willing to accept the Venture single axle boat trailer used to move the boat in trade.

Motion, to accept Island Marine's offer to dispose of the Avon Marine unit in trade for the single axle boat trailer, made by Chairman Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

Chief LeClaire provided a copy of the Citywide Overtime Audit report to the Commission.

Chief LeClaire commented on the upcoming schedule for FY2008 Budget process. Will keep Commission updated as revised schedules are sent. Property tax may be returning, unknown at this time.

A/C Achilles noted that the Skid unit has been installed on the Forestry. Bid specs for new ambulance being prepared.

Chief LeClaire and A/C Achilles met with Winter Street Architects this afternoon. Estimating \$3 – 3 ½ M total project cost from start to finish. Plans being reworked to reduce cost, if possible. Engineers hired to survey plot. Chief responded to an inquiry about administrative offices being moved to the new station – would increase cost.

New firefighter candidate is in the process of completing his physical and necessary paperwork with hope of beginning around October 9, 2006. State has completed their testing and will be reviewing the list when distributed.

VII. Recognition of Groups or Individuals: None.

VIII. Public Hearings: None.

IX. Non-public Session: None.

X. Adjournment:

Motion, to adjourn at 1950 hours, made by Chairman Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

Michael Hughes, Clerk