

Town of East Windsor
Broad Brook Fire Department Commission
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Broad Brook Fire Station
Senior Center Meeting Room
125 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT. 06016
(In-person)

AND

Meeting held via ZOOM Teleconference
Meeting ID: 687 566 5576
Passcode: Fire39BB

Meeting Minutes

*** *These Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting****

Board of Commissioners:

John (Jay) Madigan, Regular Member/Chairman
Nicholas MacSata, Regular Member/Vice Chairman
Regular Commissioners: Gil Hayes, Bill Loos, Ron Masters
Alternate Commissioners: Cal Myers. Andy Ouellette

PARTICIPANT LIST (In person): Assistant Chief Bancroft hosted the meeting. **Broad Brook Fire Department Commissioners:** Jay Madigan, Bill Loos, Ron Masters, Cal Myers. **Guest: Broad Brook Fire Department Commissioner effective June, 2022:** William Towers. Jr. **Broad Brook Fire Department Chiefs:** Tom Arcari, Chief; Gerald Bancroft, Assistant Chief; **Broad Brook Fire Department:** David Lockwood, Chairman, Board of Directors. **Town Fire Marshal:** Richard Austin.

PARTICIPATION LIST (Via Zoom): **Broad Brook Fire Department Commissioners:** Vice Chairman Nick Macsata, Gil Hayes, Margaret (Peg) Hoffmn, Recording Secretary.

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Madigan called the May 16, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Broad Brook Fire Commission to Order at 7:00 p.m. The Meeting is being held in the Senior Center Meeting Room above the Broad Brook Fire station located at 125 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT, and is being held via teleconference as well to encourage greater public participation.

2. ROLL CALL:

Chairman Madigan noted the Commission has established a quorum with six members present. Chairman Madigan, Commissioner Loos, Commissioner Masters, Commissioner Myers were present at the Fire Station; Commissioner Hayes, and Commissioner Macsata joined the Commission virtually. Chairman Madigan noted Alternate Member Andy Ouellette is not present this evening, either in-person or remotely.

Chairman Madigan also noted the presence in-person as a Guest this evening of Commissioner William Towers, Jr., whose term begins June, 2022.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/A. April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Madigan noted the availability of the Meeting Minutes for the Broad Brook Fire Commissioners' Regular Meeting of April 18, 2022; he questioned the Commissioners for changes or revisions. Hearing no request for changes Chairman Madigan called for a motion of approval.

MOTION: To APPROVE the April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Broad Brook Fire Department Commission Meeting.

Loos moved/Myers seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE: In Favor: Madigan/Macsata/Hayes/Loos/Masters/Myers
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chairman Madigan announced this opportunity for the public to offer comments or raise questions. No one requested to speak.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

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Chairman Madigan reported he has no communications to share.

6. REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF:

Chief Arcari reported on the following items:

- The Department responded to 71 calls over the past month, which included the fire on Church Street.
- The Department is in the process of replacing gear for 20 firefighters.
- The 2022 – 2023 Budget for the Broad Brook Fire Department was passed by the residents as presented.
- Chief Arcari submitted to the Commissioners a copy of the status of the current Department budget effective this past Friday. Chief Arcari noted he anticipates the budget will be \$2,000 to \$3,000 on fuel. He also anticipates an expenditure of \$6,000 for tires. Chief Arcari indicated he believes he can accommodate the additional expenses with the existing funding.

7. REPORT FROM FIRE MARSHAL AUSTIN:

Fire Marshal Austin reported on the following items:

- He continues to receive FOI requests associated with the fire at 5 Church Street.
- He has also received an FOI request regarding an oil spill in the Church Street. Fire Marshal Austin reported he hasn't been advised of any recent spills in the area.
- Reports received regarding two messy yards on Reservoir Avenue. As the Town currently lacks a blight ordinance, he has no ability to enforce clean up.

8. STATUS OF BROAD BROOK FIRE DEPT INC. BUDGET:

See discussion under Chief Arcari's Report.

9. UPDATE ON STATUS OF VEHICLE REPLACEMENT:

Chairman Madigan reported the financing group that the Department initially worked with, Leasing Two, has changed the conditions of the lease. Initially, the first payment was due in August of 2024. They subsequently required a deposit of \$10,000 by April of 2023, with the first full payment being due in August of 2024. They have increased the interest rate to 3.61%. Leasing Two is also questioning the Commission's ability to bond

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the purchase of the vehicle. Chairman Madigan felt the bonding would be a Town function rather than the Commission.

Chairman Madigan noted the Chiefs decided to pursue other financing options so they are considering a lease through the All American Investment Group (AAIG). AAIG is requiring 8 payments totaling \$95,475 at an annual interest rate of 3.60%, the first payment would be due August 1, 2023.

Chairman Madigan reported the difference in the interest rates being charged is 4/10ths of 1%.

Vice Chairman Macsata suggested the interest rates are essentially the same, he suggested the Commission went to a Town Meeting to secure the Government backing. Assistant Chief Bancroft recalled that the amount approved via the Town Meeting was \$103,000.

MOTION: To MOVE FORWARD with the 3.60% with All American Investment Group with the understanding the Town Meeting already secured the funding.

Macsata moved/Loos Seconded/DISCUSSION: Commissioner Hayes felt the Commission had received approval for the Seagraves/Leasing Two financing, he cited concern that the process would have to be repeated if the financing company was changed. Assistant Chief Bancroft reported he was told AAIG had all the information they needed.

Vice Chairman Macsata withdrew his initial motion, and replaced it with the following:

MOTION: To EMPOWER the Chairman to secure the lease that is in the spirit of what was approved at the Town Meeting,

Macsata moved/Hayes seconded/DISCUSSION: Nothing further

**VOTE: In Favor: Madigan/Macsata/Hayes/Loos/Masters/Myers
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

10. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

11. ACTIONS REQUIRED TO MOVE FORWARD:

No discussion.

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12. EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to C.G.S. 1-200 (6)(B) – pending negotiations:

No EXECUTIVE SESSION this evening.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Loos moved/Myers seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE: In Favor: Madigan/Macsata/Hayes/Loos/Masters/Myers
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary for
The Town of East Windsor Broad Brook Fire Department Commission