

**CITY OF NASHUA
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Burgess
Kevin Gage
Paul Garant
Ken Marquis
Anthony Patti

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Brian D. Rhodes
Assistant Chief George A. Walker

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Buxton
Deputy Fire Chief Glen MacDonald
Aldерwoman Melizzi-Golja
President of Local #789 - John McAllister
Members of Nashua Fire Rescue

THE MEETING CAME TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM

All stood as Commissioner Marquis lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was held for all recent deaths and all those lost.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No discussion

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Gage to approve the Consent Agenda
Seconded by Commissioner Burgess
Vote: passed 5-yes

Approval of Minutes

July 1, 2019 Regular Meeting

19 81

Motion by Commissioner Gage to accept meeting minutes and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Burgess
Vote: passed 5-yes

Communications – Thank Yous/Note of Support & Prayers

19 82-84

Thank Yous (2)
Note of Support & Prayers (1)

No discussion

Departmental Detail Expenditures Report

19 85

No discussion

Accidents (1)

19 86

No discussion

REGULAR AGENDA

Staff Reports

A. Chief Rhodes

19 87 A

Motion by Commissioner Marquis to accept Chief Rhodes’ report as presented and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Gage
Vote: passed 5-yes

B. Assistant Chief Walker

19 87 B

Motion by Commissioner Marquis to accept Assistant Chief Walker’s report as presented and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Burgess
Vote: passed 5-yes

Discussions

Local 789

19 88

President John McAllister had nothing to report but inquired about what type of disruption it will be for the members during the renovations of the floor at Station 3, Spit Brook Road. Chief Rhodes believes the work will be done during the day only.

OLD BUSINESS

Spit Brook Road/Station 3 Addition Update

16 56

There is a meeting scheduled in September with Captain Atkinson, the general contractor, the architect and the flooring contractor to go over the areas that has issues. They are going to tear up the floor in the entire kitchen and hallway where the problem areas were and reinstall that.
The sealcoating project was completed due to the paving operation that was going on at Spit Brook Road. The contractor took care of the sealcoating. Captain Atkinson is reaching out to the street department to get the lines in the parking lot redone.

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja provided a copy of the resolution that was approved in April. The Strategic Planning Committee worked for a couple of years to put together the goals. The eight Strategic Planning Goals are broad because they feed into budget planning and will be incorporated into master planning.

NEW BUSINESS

Columbia Southern University (Discussion by Chief Rhodes)

19 89

Columbia Southern University is an institution of higher learning in Alabama that is very big with military and first responders, police and fire. NFR has a couple of members there and a couple that have gone there. NFR has never done this, but now has an opportunity to sign up to be a learning partner that gives the members and family a 10% discount. There is no cost to NFR. If for some reason the relationship changes, either party can extract themselves from the agreement. The partnership allows them to use the NFR Patch Logo to show the partnership.

Motion by Commissioner Gage to authorize Chief Rhodes to execute a learning partnership agreement with Columbia Southern University
Seconded by Commissioner Burgess
Vote: passed 5-yes

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA – Introduced at Meeting

NFR’s Participation as a department in the City’s Solar Energy Program

19 91

NFR will not have any expenses related to the system and not be responsible for the maintenance of the system. Station 2 at 177 Lake Street has the capacity to generate 130,000+ kilowatt hours per year. It will save the department \$8,000 per year. Ultimately the city can buy back this system. If the city buys it back after the six year option it would cost the city \$300,000 and the net savings over 25 years to the city would be close to a half a million dollars.

Motion by Commissioner Gage to support and approve the participation in the Solar Energy Program (NFR’s participation will be Station 2 at 177 Lake Street.)
Seconded by Commissioner Marquis
Vote: passed 5-yes

Chief Rhodes will send an e-mail to confirm participation. Someone from the commission will be available to sign in the very near future.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Personnel Item

19 90 A

Motion by Commissioner Gage to accept and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Burgess
Vote: passed 5-yes

Commissioner Garant mentioned the Order of the Ballot for the Board of Fire Commissioners was organized by the City Clerk in a random draw.

Order - Kevin Burgess, Donald Davidson, Tom Stawasz, Paul Garant, Manuel Pimental

MOTION TO ADJOURN

19 92

Motion by Commissioner Gage to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 PM

Seconded by Commissioner Marquis

Vote: passed 5-yes

TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday October 7, 2019, 5:30 pm
at 177 Lake Street, Classroom

Dates and Locations of Other Events/Meetings:

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 9:50 am
09/11 Ceremony at all NFR Fire Stations
All commissioners and public are welcome.

Saturday, October 5, 2019, 7:00 pm
Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation Fundraiser
to support STEM scholarships and advocate for STEM activities for students in the City of Nashua
at The Bounty Lounge in the Holiday Inn
9 Northeastern Boulevard, Nashua, NH 03062

Memorial Sunday, October 6, 2019, 10:00 am
Intersection of Concord and Manchester Street