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The Chester Board of Fire Commissioners held the rescheduled July meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at the Chester Fire House, 6 High Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Joel Severance, Rick Schreiber, Peter Zanardi, John Divis, and Bettie Perreault. Ex-officio members present were Fire Chief James Schaefer, First Lieutenant James Grzybowski, Selectman Charlene Janacek, Fire Marshals Richard Leighton and David Roberge and Peter Terenzi. Chairman Severance called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2016

Motion by Schreiber, second by Zanardi, to approve June 15, 2016 Minutes as written. Unanimously Approved.

Item 2: Audience of Citizens

Item 3: Report of Fire Marshal

Item 4: Report of Fire Chief

Item 5: Report of First Selectman

Item 6: Report of Emergency Management Director

Motion by Perreault, seconded by Zanardi to instruct the Board Chair, Chief and Office of Fire Marshal to investigate and prepare a report of the grant process to achieve approval for grant of funds to secure drone capabilities for the Town of Chester emergency response agencies, report to be presented at the September meeting of this Board. Motion was approved on affirmative vote of Schreiber, Zanardi, Divis and Perreault; Severance abstained.

Item 7: Financial Reports

Item 8: Old Business

Item 9: New Business

Motion by Zanardi, seconded by Schreiber to authorize the Chief to appoint as a Department officer a person to oversee and administer the paid personnel and activities of ambulance activities, with regular reports to the Chief and the Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion was unanimously approved.

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Motion by Perreault, seconded by Divis to appoint Peter Terenzi, with all the duties, responsibilities and authority, to the office of Fire Marshal, and with the details contained in a memorandum dated July 20, 2016, all to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Chester, the record to be made a part of the permanent records of the Town of Chester. Motion was unanimously approved.

Item 10: Adjournment

Motion by Divis, second by Zanardi, to adjourn at 9:08 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettie PerreaultActing Secretary