

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.
Minutes – October 8, 2020

President Bob Mordecai called the 45th regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020, using the ZOOM platform. The COVID-19 pandemic has precluded all in-person gatherings of more than ten people, thus requiring all HFRA meetings to be held on the Internet via ZOOM until further notice. We were happy to have at the meeting Salty Marak, Jeff. Stoehr, Bob Slater, and Mark Pratt, who all attended from distant areas.

A moment of silence was observed to remember our brothers, Jack Laffin, who passed away on May 30th, and Ray Ramelli, who passed away on August 17th.

MINUTES – The minutes of the February 12th meeting had been sent to all members. The secretary noted that an error in the year (“2019” instead of 2020) was due to the cloning of the previous meeting minutes as a template for the February minutes. The error has been corrected. A motion was made by Bob Slater and seconded by Jim Dunlop to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried with one abstention.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

NOTE: The second HFRA meeting of 2020, originally scheduled for June 10th, was cancelled on June 2nd due to the pandemic. It was not until later that the Zoom platform was brought to our attention, so this second meeting of 2020, on Zoom, follows the completion of the first three quarters of 2020. The Treasurer's report below is for the first three quarters of 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT - January 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020

Checking balance as of January 1, 2020	\$ 507.54
Shares balance as of January 1, 2020	<u>1,641.84</u>
Total balance as of January 1, 2020	\$ 2,149.38

Income:

1 st quarter dividend (savings)	\$ 0.68
2 nd quarter dividend (savings)	0.25
3 rd quarter dividend (savings)	0.25
Donation Received	60.00
HGSRA – paid to HFRA in error	500.00
PayPal Fee Reimbursement	6.10
Dues: 2019	15.00
Dues: 2020	900.00
Dues: 2022	15.00
Dues: 2023	15.00
Dues: 2024	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL income Jan.-Sept.	\$ 1,527.28

Transfer from Checking to Savings – 2/12	\$ 330.00
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Expenses

Office Supplies – ink cartridges	\$ 32.95
PayPal – (Dues)	3.70

PayPal – (HGSRA error)	6.10
Check #173 – to HGSRA obo Lowry	200.00
Check #174 – to HGSRA obo Proulx	200.00
Check #175 – to Proulx (overpayment)	100.00
P.O. Box 185605 (1 year)	134.00
Postage	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL expenses Jan.-Sept.	\$ (- 766.75)

Checking balance as of September 30, 2020	\$ 936.89
Shares balance as of September 30, 2020	<u>1,972.52</u>
Total balance as of September 30, 2020	\$ 2,804.41

A motion was made by Bill Fitzmaurice, seconded by Ray Dobbs, to accept the Treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee – The Chair reported on the current status of the HGSRA and the possible legal action. The HGSRA E-Board hired an attorney last July and voted to allow other retirees to sign on to the possible legal action provided they pay the same \$300 fee as the regular members. However, non-guardians will not be members of the HGSRA.

Sunshine Committee – The Secretary reported that there was a good turnout for the funerals of Jack Laffin and Ray Ramelli, despite the COVID limitations.

The Association sent a condolence card to our chaplain, Rev. Owen Sanderson, following the passing of his wife Lois last May 7th. The Rev is doing okay.

The members of the Association were very concerned for brother retiree Bobby Viglione, also the Mayor of North Branford, when COVID-19 kept him quite ill and locked down for over a month last spring. Bob has recovered, is back at his civic duties, and operating his popular barber shop.

The website began featuring a page devoted solely to news regarding COVID-19 to keep web visitors apprised with daily updates from the Governor and from other sources of information about the pandemic.

A condolence card was sent to Jackie Kelo, widow of our late brother, Bobby Kelo, following the sudden passing of their sons Bob Jr. (60) on July 21st.

History Committee – The Secretary noted that Joe Rahl's son Bill sent us some excellent photos he took of the 1977 gas explosion on Whitney Avenue and the fire at the New Haven Parks Department on Park Road the same year.

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed many activities, it has added a unique historical footnote to the department's history. In anticipation that department manpower may be severely compromised due to quarantining, and with the approval of the union, retirees 65 and under, living locally and in good health, have been invited to fill shift vacancies when there is an insufficient number of active members available to work.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS – The Chair read off the current list of Association officers whose terms end on December 31 – President Bob Mordecai, Vice President Jim Dunlop, Secretary and Treasurer Dave Johnson, Trustee Gil Spencer. (The terms of Trustees

Jim Leddy and Bob Viglione end at the end of 2022 and 2024, respectively.) All of the present slate have expressed interest in running for another term. However, Dave Johnson nominated Bill Fitzmaurice for the position of Treasurer, a position he has held since 2013 in addition to being secretary. Fitzmaurice accepted the nomination and would replace Johnson in that position. No other nominations were presented. A motion was made by Bill Fitzmaurice, seconded by Ray Dobbs, to have the Secretary cast one ballot electing all of the nominees. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – Chair thanked the members for their attendance.

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be an afternoon meeting on Wednesday, February 10th. As always, the Secretary will notify all members at least one week before the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David G. Johnson
Secretary

21 members: Chase, Connolly, Dobbs, Dunlop, Fitzmaurice, Hurlburt, Johnson, Leddy, Mangler, Manware, Marak, B. Mordecai, Pechmann, Pratt, Slater, Spencer, Stoehr, Strawhince, Viglione, including Honorary members Diane Altieri and Nancy Callahan

Note to members: The October 8th meeting was supposed to have been recorded, but the record feature failed. The above minutes are solely the result of the secretary's notes. If anyone attended whose name does not appear among the attendees above, please let me know. Sec'y - HFDBadge102@aol.com