

VOLUNTEER FIRE PENSION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF BRANFORD, BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT 06405
MINUTES
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Kathleen E. Barrington
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Present: Jim Finch, Tim Murray, Kathy Fox, Bill Cusack and Harold Barringham.

Jim Finch called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

Adding items to the agenda:

Harold Barringham made a motion which was seconded by Kathy Fox to add an item to the agenda to recognize Madeliene "Buzz" Clem for her service to the Volunteer Pension Committee. The item passed unanimously.

Kathy Fox made a motion seconded by Tim Murray to add an item to discuss recruitment and volunteer retention challenges. The item passed unanimously.

Honoring Madeliene Buzz Clem:

Members of the committee each noted Buzz Clem's commitment and dedication to the Branford Fire Department and for her service to the Volunteer Pension Committee.

Approval of the minutes for 04/18/2024:

Harold Barringham made a motion to add approve the minutes followed by a second from William Cusack. The item passed unanimously.

Review and approve the list of volunteers receiving pension credit for 2024:

Jim Finch distributed a list of 22 volunteers who received credit (attached).

Tim Murray made a motion to add approval of the roster of qualifying volunteers following a second from Harold Barringham. The item passed unanimously.

To discuss recruitment and volunteer pension challenges:

Members discussed some of the headwinds the companies face in their recruitment efforts including but not limited to the following:

- Improving the pension plan or the stipend plan.
- Fewer opportunities for volunteers to qualify with career staff operating out of Indian Neck.
- Calls get cancelled while volunteers are gearing up to respond.

After much discussion the committee ended with Jim Finch agreeing to discuss the item with the selectman's office. The committee plans to revisit this item during the summer.

Adjournment

Bill Cusack made motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Fox. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Finch, Finance Director

Last Name	First Name	Years Receiving Stipend		2024	Eligible Amount	Amount Earned	Adjustments	EMT add	Total
								250	
Acquino	Michael A	14	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Anderson	Kirk	8	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Andrews	Walter	5	1		1,500	1,500	EMT	250	1,750
Andrews	Ryan J	4	1		750	750		-	750
Annunziato	Michael	1	1		750	750		-	750
Ball	Connor	15	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Barringham	Harold	23	1		1,500	1,500	EMT	250	1,750
Consolo	Stephen	4	1		750	750		-	750
DaRos	Peter J	19	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Dickson	Kevin	18	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
DiGuiseppe	William	2	1		750	750		-	750
Dornfeld	Nathaniel	3	1		750	750		-	750
Fennel	Timothy	2	1		750	750		-	750
Gagliardi	Christopher	16	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Garrity	Liam G	5	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Hally	Matthew	8	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Hornyak	Mark	21	1		1,500	1,500	EMT	250	1,750
Hotz	Geoffrey	21	1		1,500	1,500	EMT	250	1,750
Labonia	Vincenzo	1	1		750	750		-	750
Mannie	William	1	1		750	750		-	750
Murray	Tim	23	1		1,500	1,500		-	1,500
Rafffile	Andrew	2	1		750	750		-	750
Total				22		26,250			27,250