

Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc.
Minutes – January 8, 2026

NOTE: In the absence of the President, Vice president Bill Fitzmaurice chaired the meeting. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary took the minutes of today's meeting.

Vice president Bill Fitzmaurice called the 62nd regular meeting of the Hamden Fire Retirees' Association, Inc. to order at 9:18 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the Hamden Elks' Hall.

The members present observed a moment of silence to remember our brother Firefighter Rich Mayhew, who passed away on December 2nd.

The Chair led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – The Corresponding Secretary read the minutes of the October meeting. A motion was made by Chick Manware, seconded by Don LaBanca and passed unanimously to accept the minutes as read.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Corresponding Secretary read a note from our brother, Rich Mayhew, written shortly before his passing on December 2nd. It is enclosed with these minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer read the annual Treasurer's Report for 2025, which included the 4th quarter. Both reports are with these minutes.

COMMITTEES – Benefits Committee – Nothing to report

Sunshine Committee – The Corresponding Secretary reported that all plaques for out of state honorees were shipped right after the October meeting.

History Committee – The Historian (Corresponding Secretary) reported on a visit he and President Mordecai made in November to old Station 3 at 39 Purnam Avenue. They were invited by the new owner of the building who is opening a boutique there and has requested photos of the station when it was active. Johnson reported on the layout of the building, which is quite a bit larger than the frontage suggests. Mordecai took lots of photos.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – A motion was made by the Corresponding Secretary and seconded by Chick Manware that we renew our membership in the Connecticut Firemen's Historical Society for 2026 for \$225. Passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION – The Corresponding Secretary noted that since this is the first meeting since the October 14th "Old Timers Day," that we send a letter of thanks to Chief Carter. Approved by acclamation. The Chair thanked everyone present for attending and announced that our Spring meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th in the early afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Don LaBanca, seconded by Jim Leddy, to adjourn at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary

Attending (12/1): Tom Doherty, Bill Fitzmaurice, Paul "Froggy" Frodel, Dennis Harrison, Dennis Harrison, Dave Johnson, Bob Kenney, Don LaBanca, Jim Leddy, John Spencer, Ralph Tortora and Augie Williams. Guest: Barb Johnson