

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on Tuesday,  
August 25, 2020.**

Present: Robert Hagemeister, Lynn Spencer, Kim Bennett, Pete Schaumburg, Sid Holbrook, Kristyn Bartlett and Atty Duncan Forsyth.

**1. Call to Order:** 4:01pm. A motion was made by Kim B./2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn S. to seat Alternate Board Member, Kristyn Bartlett, for Sid Holbrook. All approved. Sid H., Regular Member, arrived prior to recess into executive session, thus negating need for this action.

**2. Executive Session:** Motion made at 4:08pm by Lynn S./2<sup>nd</sup> Pete S. to go into executive session to discuss the conduct of Westbrook Fire Chief, Michael Jenkins. All approved. Came out of executive session at 4:46pm. Included in the Executive Session were all Board members and Attorney Forsyth.

**3. Action items:** Motion made by Kim B./2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn S. to suspend Michael Jenkins as Chief of the Westbrook Fire Department pursuant to section 7-24 of the town code pending a hearing scheduled for 8/27/20.

Discussion followed with Sid H. expressing concern with suspension at this time prior to having all pertinent detailed information and expressed a desire to wait for the hearing to make the decision regarding suspension. All documents will reportedly be provided by the First Selectman prior to the hearing. After discussion was completed, the Chairman called for the vote on the motion.

Results: 4 votes to approve – Robert H, Lynn S, Kim B, and Pete S.  
1 vote to abstain – Sid H.

**4. Adjourn:** Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 4:54pm by Sid H./2<sup>nd</sup> Kim B. All approved.

Sincerely submitted by Kimberly Bennett, BOFC Secretary

CC: Board Members