

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 29, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Francis J. Pandich, Chairman  
Carlton "Andy" Anderson, Commissioner  
Ron Materese, Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Tom Palazzo, Chief  
Erika Pereira, Administrative Assistant

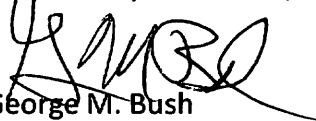
Michael Hamzik of the Fire Officer's nominating committee requested an equivalency for Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness for Matthew Grafton. The class is a prerequisite to run for Assistant Chief. Assistant Chief Brent Soden provided documentation that the Department completed in-house training that would be equivalent for the Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness along with his years of experience. Michael Hamzik and the Qualification Committee reviewed the training and feel with this training and Matthew Grafton many years of firefighter experience and also the fact that the above mentioned course was deactivated last year and no longer offered that he receive a waiver from the board and chief.

A discussion between the Board and Chief Palazzo on the prerequisite and Matthew Grafton experience took place. There is a new course that replaced the Fire Behavior/Arson Awareness course call Fire Investigation for the Line Officer. The Chief and Board would like to see Matthew Grafton complete this course as long the Broome County has a class scheduled.

Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Materese to approved Matthew Grafton's request for his in house training and years of experience in the fire department as the equivalency for the Fire Behavior and Arson Awareness course requirement. Matthew Grafton can run for an Assistant Chief Positon for the year 2019. Matthew Grafton must complete the Fire Investigation for the Line Officer course once it becomes available in order to keep his qualification for the next election. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Materese to adjourn at 6:11 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
George M. Bush  
Secretary