

*Approved 3-27-24*

**HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

*Peter L. Cronin*

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Thursday, January 11, 2024</b>
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	<b>95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 781-368-1701</b>

A quorum being duly present, Chairperson Cronin called the January 11, 2024 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00PM

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Laura Cronin, Commissioners Peter Cross, Alex Mercado, Victor Skende, and Demetrius Atsalis

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Peter Burke, District Clerk Treasurer TK Menesale, and HFD Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

**I. OPEN SESSION:**

**1. MINUTES:**

- The December 14, 2023 meeting minutes will be voted on in a future meeting

**2. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Chairperson Cronin stated the board received a letter from Mr. Gallagher; after reading the letter there is no further action needed by the board of commissioners at this time

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

**4. STREET LIGHTS:**

- Chairperson Cronin said she would like to finalize the light request communications; Chief Burke said he will touch base with Kelly Foley to connect with Commissioner Atsalis
- Chairperson Cronin wants to make sure the board was able to provide these requestors the information they requested

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion of the Aherns Fox Antique Fire Truck:
  - Chairperson Cronin asked Chief Burke to provide the board with an update on the Aherns Fox Antique Fire Truck
  - Chief Burke stated HFD owns 2 antique fire trucks; The Aherns Fox Antique fire truck has not been used in the last few years; currently it is stored in the fire house backyard
  - There were talks regarding potential efforts to save this firetruck; now the HFD is looking at disposing this apparatus, the Ahern Fox Antique Fire Truck, specifically to a person or organization who would be able to rehab and restore it while still safekeeping this historic firetruck and its history with the HFD; Chief Burke asked the board if he could now open talks with the Union and also investigate the best possible solutions for this apparatus
  - Commissioner Skende asked Chief Burke if there are any repair or preservation estimates for this Apparatus; Chief Burke discussed some of the known repairs needed if this truck was to be utilized
  - Commissioner Cross mentioned that as stewards of the truck that we should actively pursue moving it into new ownership before this historic truck becomes unsalvageable in storage
  - The board concurred that Chief Burke should research the options for best preserving and utilizing this historic apparatus
  - Chief Burke stated he will come back to the board with a proposed plan for this truck within 4 to 5 months
  - Chairperson Cronin said that during the upcoming Collective Bargaining Negotiation meetings Commissioner Cross and Commissioner Skende will be representing the board; Commissioner Cross said they have received a letter from the Union; this letter is the federal notice of intent to establish the groundwork for these negotiations, the letter was read by Commissioner Cross to the board

**6. NEW BUSINESS (Continued):**

- b. The Deputy Chief Promotion Process:
  - Chief Burke said there are 1 to 3 candidates; the contract is for \$9k which includes the written exam, 4 books, and a test in the assessment center
  - Chief Burke stated the HFD had contracted with this same company numerous times before

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted approve the Motion to accept the Deputy's Exam Contract

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye  
Commissioner Cross: Aye  
Commissioner Skende: Aye  
Commissioner Atsalis: Aye  
Commissioner Mercado: Aye

**7. BUILDING REPORT:**

- Commissioner Skende asked Chief Burke for an update on the training tower anchor items
- Chief Burke has the power purchase agreement and the lease agreement was reviewed by HFD lawyer and is ready to be signed
- Chief Burke will arrange for the company to come back and present it to the board the timeline for installation after the contract is signed
- Chief Burke briefed the board about the training tower anchors, there are 4 anchors needed, Chief Burke is waiting on the installation quote from Window Hangers

**8. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR**

- None

**9. CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Chief Burke said HFD is in the process of closing out the calendar year 2023
- Chief Burke said call volume was 7900 calls; this volume is 311 calls less than last year, but higher than the previous years
- Chief Burke stated the fuel has been removed from both boats; the motor for Marine 2 is out; props and shafts are moved out of both boats to be cleaned; and boats should be back in the water in the early springtime 2024
- Chief Burke said we are well within budget presently for this boat project

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Commissioner Atsalis thanked the Fire Fighters Union, the local <sup>2172</sup>7270, for their donation to the Smiley Fund and its upcoming fundraising event

Vote on Adjournment of public session:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to Adjourn the public session

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye  
Commissioner Cross: Aye  
Commissioner Skende: Aye  
Commissioner Atsalis: Aye  
Commissioner Mercado: Aye

Adjourned at 7:29PM  
Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Murphy, HFD Recording Secretary

**MEETING AGENDA**  
**HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
NOTICE OF MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(b)  
Laura Cronin- Chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 11, 2024  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**PLACE:** 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

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**REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

On **January 11, 2024**, a meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be conducted AT THE HYANNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. Real-time Public comment can be addressed to the Board utilizing the Zoom link or telephone number and access code listed below:

Link: Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/8068284804>  
Meeting ID: 806 828 4804  
For Public Comment Dial: 1-305-224-1968  
Password: Hyannis1!

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**AGENDA & CALL TO ORDER:**

**I. OPEN SESSION**

1. Minutes
2. Correspondence
3. Public Comment
4. Street Lights
  - a. Angell Road
  - b. Kelley Road
5. Old Business
6. New Business
  - a. Discussion on Aherns Fox Antique Fire Truck
  - b. CBA Negotiations Process Discussion
  - c. Deputy Chief's Promotional Process
7. Building Report
8. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
9. Chiefs Report
10. Public Comment

**II. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

The Chair reserves the right to call items on the agenda out of order. Items are listed in their approximate order, and items may be reached earlier or later than the posted order. Items listed for executive session may also be discussed in open session. The listing of items contains those items reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Persons interested are advised that in the event that any matter taken up at the meeting that remains unfinished at the close of the meeting may be put off to a continued session of the meeting, in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.