

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, October 26, 2023
Meeting Place:	95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 781-368-1701

A quorum being duly present, Chairperson Cronin called the October 26, 2023 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:06PM

Approve Cronin

11/16/23

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke, Assistant Captain Mark Storie, Captain Webb, District Clerk Treasurer TK Menesale, and HFD Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

I. OPEN SESSION:

1. MINUTES:

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023 as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREET LIGHTS:

-Commissioner Atsalis said he had put the request in to the power company regarding request for new streetlights; the HFD has 4 accounts; the accounts are organized per grid; Commissioner Atsalis is working with the power company to understand how the 4 accounts are processed by the power company; Commissioner Atsalis has confirmed the street light requests from the public and Commissioner Atsalis is now just waiting to hear back from the power company's billing department; both of the new streetlights that are located on Angell Road and Kelley Road will be installed by power company.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Email:

- Chairperson Cronin asked District Clerk Treasurer Menesale to detail the email options for the commissioners

- District Clerk Treasurer Menesale stated the tax assessor said he will be ready for tax classification discussions on November 16th instead of the scheduled November 9th Regular Meeting

- The board discussed rescheduling the Regular Meeting to the November 16, 2023

- The board agreed to move the Regular Meeting to November 16, 2023

b. Solar Power Project:

- Chairperson Cronin asked Chief Burke to update the board on the Solar Power Project

- Chief Burke said the company will be at the fire house the week of November 9th to do an assessment of the transformer box

7. BUILDING REPORT:

- None

8. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

- Chairperson Cronin brought up the new housing development's impact on the population growth within the Hyannis fire district; Chairperson Cronin would like the board to begin to research the projected population density for at least the next 2 to 5 years to better understand how to plan for this population increase; the board needs to be able to provide planning information for the future emergency needs of the Hyannis populace
- Commissioner Cross stated the HFD should have a voice in regard to the future emergency planning needs of the Hyannis community
- Commissioner Skende mentioned that the tax break for new developments and its possible negative impact for the HFD
- Chief Burke thought perhaps this was brought up with the town prior; and will confirm from Town of Barnstable if the HFD is still exempt from this tax forgiveness.
- The board discussed how the HFD is directly affected by the increase and decrease of population size so the board decided to check to make sure that its planning will continue to be within its scope to address its future needs

9. CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Burke said the call volume is 220 calls under last year's call volume amount; there are 6535 calls presently
- Chief Burke stated the Officer Development school for the 3 new Lieutenants; the training has gone exceptionally well
- There is Boat and SWAT team training this week
- The boat project continues; Marine 2 must be pulled for repairs
- There are a few staff changes which will be happening soon; Chief Burke said the budget process should possibly get started in spring 2024

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

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 Mercado: Aye

Commissioner Skende: Aye

Commissioner Atsalis: Aye

Adjourned at 7:53 PM

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: October 26, 2023
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **October 26, 2023**, 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!

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 moving November meeting date to 11/16/23 to align with Tax Classification Hearing
7. Building Report
 - a. Solar Panel Project
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.