

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

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Date of Meeting:	Thursday, November 10, 2022
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, Commissioner Cronin called the November 10, 2022 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: District Clerk Treasurer TK Menesale, Captain Michael Medeiros, Town of Barnstable Director of Assessing Division R. Lane Partridge, and Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

NOT PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke

I. OPEN SESSION:

- Commissioner Cronin took the meeting out of order for tax classification. We will need to vote at a later meeting on this item, as there was insufficient public notice. The District provides two week notice in the newspaper, for a public meeting regarding a tax classification hearing, we will hear the presentation , but will not take a vote.
- Director Partridge began presentation on the FY 2022; Based on the calendar year, 2021 property values experienced tremendous growth; the property purchase level declined in 2022; there was a double growth for turning commercial property to personal property (60%); The tax rate was \$2.93, basically, when property values rise then the tax rates tend to go down.
- In 2021, the residential percentage was 59% to commercial's percentage of 41%.
- Director Partridge stated the minimum residential factor was 83%.
- The board discussed these findings from the Town of Barnstable's Assessing Division
- Commissioner Cronin asked if we stay the same single tax rate *AS IT IS NOW.*
- Director Partridge provided an explanation of what the information on the handouts represented.
- Director Partridge asked if the commissioners could vote tonight to be in line with the deadline for the Town Council, Commissioner Cronin stated we could not, because the notice in the paper was not two weeks for this meeting date, and we will schedule a special meeting once we can accommodate that timing.
- Director Partridge indicated it was 48 hours and will check with Town of Barnstable lawyer to see if there needs to be a newspaper posting.
- Commissioners discussed that we will keep to our historic two week printed notice communication to the public for rate classification, which is two weeks in the newspaper. Director Partridge will check and touch base with Commissioner Cross for when the newspaper posting will occur.
- Commissioner Cronin stated we cannot do a provisional vote right now. Going forward, she stated we will make sure to send the required information to District Clerk Treasurer Menesale.

1. MINUTES:

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the October 13, 2022 minutes as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:
 Commissioner Skende: Aye
 Commissioner Cronin: Aye
 Commissioner Cross: Aye
 Commissioner Mercado: Aye
 Commissioner Atsalis: Aye

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREET LIGHTS:

- Commissioner Atsalis said there is a street light request for Angell Road; he is following up on this request
- District Clerk Treasurer Menesale said the vendor has acknowledged her request for a street light map, but she has not received a street light map document yet.
- Commissioner Atsalis said there are 3 streetlights on Sea Street that HFD takes care of and he would like to see what the light usage levels are on Sea Street and Bearses Way to understand if the usage has been reduced since the decorative lights replaced the HFD older style lights,

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Skende asked for the Minutes status – Commissioner Cronin asked District Clerk/Treasurer TK Menesale, to get a list of missing minutes, and work with Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy to see which ones she is working on, and we will follow up at our next meeting.

6. Building Report:

- None

7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

- None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Burke said the Dive Rescue Operation on School Street docks was completed within 1 hour.
- Chief Burke stated we worked with Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Academy to conduct training drills for water pump station rescue skills; in brief, we had a 44ft. deep pit representing the sewer pump station and there were 30 trenches around town; the training drill was very successful.
- Chief Burke reminded the board that the Award Ceremony is next Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:30PM.
- Chief Burke said there were 4 candidates given conditional offers contingent on the results of the testing scheduled for early 2023; 20 medics applied for these open positions

9. 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:

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

Adjourned at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Murphy, Recording Secretary Hyannis Fire District

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: November 10, 2022
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **November 10, 2022** 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: 774-368-1701
Password: Hyannis1!

AGENDA & CALL TO ORDER:

I. OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes
2. Correspondence
3. Public Comment
4. Street Lights
5. New Business
 - a.) Tax Classification Public Hearing
6. Building Report
7. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
8. Chief's Report
9. 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.