

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Approved
1/23/24
Cronin

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, November 14, 2024
Meeting Place:	95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 1-305-224-1968

A quorum being duly present, Chairperson Cronin called the November 14, 2024 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairperson Laura Cronin, Commissioners Peter Cross, Victor Skende (Zoom), and Alex Mercado
ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke, District Clerk-Treasurer TK Menesale, Assistant Chief Gregory Dardia, Local 2172 Union President Jeff Erving, and HFD Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy
ABSENT: Commissioner Demetrius Atsalis

I. OPEN SESSION:

The Agenda Item 6a. Tax Classification with Tax Assessor has been taken out of order to remind the board that this item has been rescheduled for a future date and date, to be determined, due to the needed completed certification from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts before the HFD Board of Commissioners' review of the Tax Classification with the Barnstable Tax Assessor

1. MINUTES:

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of October 24, 2024 for approval as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREETLIGHTS:

- District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale will have Commissioner Atsalis approve any invoices that come in

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Skende inquired about if we have received any pricing estimates for the proposed decontamination sink
- Chief Burke said the proposed decontamination sink estimates are in process

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6a. Tax Classification with Tax Assessor:

- See out of order agenda item under I section
- Chairperson Cronin reminded the board the Agenda Item 6a. Tax Classification with Tax Assessor has been moved to a future date and time to be determined
- The board discussed possible dates and times and the processes needed to be completed for the future Barnstable Tax Assessor's Tax Classification Meeting with the board
- District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale will follow up with the Barnstable Tax Assessor to confirm a new date and time; District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale will notify the board of the new date and time; one possible new date for the Tax Classification meeting is December 3, 2024 at 6 PM contingent upon the Barnstable Tax Assessor's availability

7. BUILDING REPORT:

- None

8. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR:

- None

9. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Burke said the 2 new Durango's were delivered, one is the Chief's vehicle and the other is the Assistant Chief's vehicle; Chief Burke stated these vehicles are in great condition and the HFD is very thankful for the use of these vehicles, both of these vehicles are registered and they both have fire plates
- The new FFs started 3 weeks ago; 3 new FFs will start their shifts on Tuesday next week
- The Fire Academy had great reports on the new hires, overall a very successful process
- Chief Burke stated there have been a few fires in the news; there have also been a number of Red Flag Fire Warnings recently within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Chief Burke said the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Fire Chiefs have been having 9 AM conference calls to make sure all the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Chiefs are aware of what is happening across the Commonwealth as the brush fire possibility is high
- The drought index and the humidity index are the main indications of possible brush fire incidences; currently, the drought has not affected Cape Cod as much as other areas of Massachusetts, so we have been fortunate; although, Cape Cod is at the 80 to 100 level within the index (which is on the lower end of the spectrum index) we still need to be aware of the situation and realize the drought conditions could change very rapidly for Cape Cod
- Chief Burke stated we typically do not send any equipment off Cape Cod to assist in other districts since Cape Cod has resource constraints unless there is a particular reason to assist with equipment off Cape
- Regarding the fires specifically on Cape Cod, the HFD has had about 15 fires in the last 30 days, 3 of these fires in the last 7 days; Chief Burke stated the HFD has been exceptionally busy this season
- Chief Burke briefed the board on some of the recent fires
- There was a car fire on Corporation Beach
- Chief Burke summarized the Anthony's Cummaquid Inn fire, this fire was fairly substantial in regard to the scale of the fire
- The Center Street fire was reported by a passerby; Chief Burke said the FFs did exceptional work as illustrated by how the crews laid out the lay lines and searched the building; the Command System worked well
- Assistant Chief Dardia said the building layout was complex; the accuracy of the teams and how all the crews worked together highlighted how well trained the HFD's crews are and this high-level training adds to the safety, continued well-being, and ability of the HFD's FFs to manage these types of complex, dangerous fire situations
- The board discussed the Center Street fire; the fire went to a second alarm with mutual aid response and a company was there till about 10 AM the next day; FFs went through 3 cylinders which is unusual; the monitor on the cylinders, the commissioners approved the improved cylinder monitoring a few years ago, this advancement helped Command to make sure the FFs were able to change out their air tanks in a timely manner
- The board discussed the South Shore fire situations
- Chief Burke stated the Ahern Foxfire will depart today to Western Massachusetts
- Chief Burke reminded the board the State award ceremony is on Monday and 5 FFs are receiving valor awards
- The tentative date for the internal HFD FF awards is January 14, 2025
- The Local 2172 Union President Erving has been working on the new evaluation process in the new contract
- Chief Burke said a letter will be sent to the board to request a delay regarding the evaluations article within the contract so that he and his team will have the time to review and make the suggested changes to the evaluations article

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Commissioner Skende stated he has been approached a few times by various residents stating the grounds; the grounds and the firefighter memorial are looking better; Commissioner Skende thanked Chief Burke for improving and maintaining these grounds

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 Mercado: Aye

Adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Murphy, HFD Recording Secretary

MEETING AGENDA- AMENDED
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: Thursday, November 14, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **November 14, 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/5042956607>
Meeting ID: 504 295 6607
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
- 5) Old Business
- 6) New Business
 - a.) Tax Classification Hearing with Tax Assessor
- 7) Building Report
- 8) Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
- 9) Chiefs Report
- 10) Public Comment

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.