

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

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L Cronin
4/10/25*

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, March 13, 2025
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 March 13, 2025 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 PM

PRESENT: Chairperson Laura Cronin, Commissioner Peter Cross and Commissioner Alex Mercado

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke and District Clerk-Treasurer TK Menesale

ABSENT: Commissioner Demetrius Atsalis

I. OPEN SESSION:

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE for COMMISSIONER VICTOR SKENDE:

- Chief Burke commended the FFs for prepping the space for the service for Commissioner Skende; they put in a lot of effort preparing the station, cleaning, and they put their best foot forward

2. MINUTES:

- The meeting minutes will be voted on in a future meeting

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

5. STREET LIGHTS:

a. Dunn's Pond

- No update, as Commissioner Atsalis was not able to attend this meeting

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Budget

- Commissioner Cross noted we may need to increase the electricity line item, costs have increased; he also asked about the Holiday Buy Back line increase while sick time buyouts decreased almost equally
- Chief Burke noted these items are based on projected retirements

b. Elections

- None

c. Annual Meeting

- No updates

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- None

8. BUILDING REPORT:

- None

9. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:

- None

10. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Burke noted we are working on a COVID reimbursement and unsure if payment will be made; \$1.7M is due from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Marine 1 is in evaluation for replacement or refit, and our compressor, which is 20 years old, is also being evaluated

10. CHIEF'S REPORT (continued):

- The board discussed placing the replacement option as a warrant article and identifying the capital expenditure as possibly funded by free cash or raise and appropriate
- Chief Burke suggested they may to downsize the boat, as the learning curve to driving Marine 1 is substantial, and we do not need 2 large boats
- Commissioner Cross suggested an outboard motor might be more desirable
- Chairperson Cronin asked for a discussion on Marine 1 to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting
- Chief Burke said they should have a presentation on Marine 1 available
- Chief Burke said Administrative Assistant to the Chief, Kelly Foley, is no longer with the HFD office; District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale and Sara French, Administrative Assistant Fire Prevention, were supporting office needs and helping with insurance changes; Chief Burke said District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale and he are now processing payroll
- Chairperson Cronin asked what Chief Burke's plans were for replacement; Chief Burke said he would work with the Chiefs on making a posting in the next 2-4 weeks; Chief Burke is reviewing, re-shaping the position
- Chairperson Cronin said the board would like him to have a replacement online before summer 2025; the board would like Chief Burke to be able to focus on other issues than payroll
- The board discussed the Tower proposal; the entity inquiring about renting space on the HFD Tower provided an evaluation of what the add-on would look like; Chief Burke shared the proposed diagram with the board
- Chairperson Cronin does not support renting out the space and she felt that the projected income was not significant enough to entertain this offer
- Chief Burke asked if there was an income figure that would be motivating
- Commissioner Cross said he was interested in the details
- Chairperson Cronin does not support private enterprises renting our public space and she noted that potential health issues were among her concerns
- Chief Burke discussed hose replacement; some of the older hoses were delaminated, and blockages were occurring; a new hose liner is impregnated in the layers of the new hose; 1200 feet of new hose is to be replaced, and we have been ordering the replacement in anticipation, we have the hose in house
- The board discussed coupling types
- An after-action review of the Falmouth Road fire was scheduled for Friday, March 14th; other fire chiefs discussed cross-fire department engagement; Chief Burke mentioned that more than 60 outside support personnel were involved in the 2-alarm fire, so coordinating the feedback would be a worthwhile project
- The new Pierce Fire Truck is scheduled for delivery at the end of the summer
- Run volumes are tracking about last year, with the year 2020 being the highest call volume year
- The board reviewed the changes District Clerk-Treasurer Menesale made to the "About Commission" webpage, adding "In Memoriam" after late Commissioner Skende's name and posting his memorial photograph on the page; the board supported the changes and agreed to the posting remaining up for 6 months to a year
- Chairperson Cronin requested for the next meeting agenda we put Commissioner terms on the agenda and have a By-laws discussion

11. 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

Adjourned at 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

TK Menesale, HFD District Clerk-Treasurer

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: **Thursday, March 13, 2025**
TIME: **7:00 PM**
PLACE: **95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601**

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **March 13, 2025**, 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. Moment of Silence for Commissioner Skende
2. Minutes
3. Correspondence
4. Public Comment
5. Street Lights
 - a. Dunns Pond
6. Old Business
 - a. Budget
 - b. Elections
 - c. Annual Meeting
7. New Business
8. Building Report
9. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
10. Chiefs Report
11. Public Comment
12. Next Meeting Date
 - a. Thursday, March 27, 2025

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.