

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Approved *L Cronin*
6/8/23

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, May 11, 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 May 11, 2023 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke, Assistant Chief Mark Storie, Deputy Chief Gregory Dardia, District Clerk Treasurer TK Menesale

I. OPEN SESSION:

1. DEPUTY CHIEF APPOINTMENT:

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to appoint the position of Deputy Chief to Gregory Dardia

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- The new Fire helmets are on the wall in the training room; these custom holders were created by Chris McCarthy; the board discussed their admiration for the donation and the history these items represent

3. MINUTES:

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the 3-23-23 minutes as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

6. STREET LIGHTS:

- Commissioner Atsalis drafted a letter of process to request lights to Pine Ridge Technologies, He has some proposed edits to this document. Commissioner Atsalis will present the finalized letter of process document to the board at next meeting

7. OLD BUSINESS: Annual Meeting and Elections

- The checklist has been reviewed and all systems are set to go
- The poll workers have been confirmed; Betsey Hendricks and Irene Aylmer will assist Warden Carol Taylor. The Police schedule for the election coverage is in process, the Police schedule decision will be finalized the Friday before the elections
- Brian Lawrence is willing to moderate
- District Clerk Treasurer Menesale will create the agenda for this meeting
- The Free Cash item to apply to offset the Tax Levy was discussed by the board

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve to apply the \$700,000 to Free Cash

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

- Chief Peter Burke advised the Commissioners that there is upcoming legislation relative to Emergency Ground Ambulance Utilization and Payment Rates in Massachusetts that will possibly limit revenue collections in relationship to balance billing for previously exempt Ambulance Services; This legislation may happen in 2-3 years, maybe not at all, but if this legislation is enacted it could impact the HFD's ability to recharge the Ambulance Fund balance.

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve to apply the Ambulance Fund balance of \$3,100,000 to offset the Tax Levy

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

8. BUILDING REPORT:

- None

9. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

- None

10. CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Peter Burke said the legislation has a 40-page report, a State-level model, the issue won't be unique to us, our payer mix will determine how we are impacted. The CPE program might be impacted by this legislation

- Chief Burke stated he will be sworn in as the President of the Fire Chiefs of Massachusetts (FCAM) on May 17, 2023;

- The board congratulated Chief Burke on this achievement

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 7:45 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

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REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **May 11, 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
5. Old Business
 - a.) Annual Meeting and Elections:
 - review checklist
 - confirm poll workers
 - moderator
 - agenda
6. New Business
 - a.) Deputy Chief Appointment
7. Building Report
8. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
9. Chief's 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.