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5/28/26*

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, May 28, 2026
Meeting Place:	95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting Dial-in Number: 1-305-224-1968

A quorum being duly present, Chairperson Cronin called the May 28, 2026 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:04 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke, Assistant Chief Gregory Dardia, Sara Hunter Clerk Interim District Clerk-Treasurer and Hyannis Fire District (HFD) Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy and guests

ABSENT: Commissioner Demetrius Atsalis

I. OPEN SESSION:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to take the session out of order to introduce the new hire FF's

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye

- Chief Burke introduced the 5 new-hire FF candidates to the board; these candidates are Mario Estevane, Grant Qualls, Jack Griffin, Megan Patterson, Alec Joyce, Benjamin Capra

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to affirm the appointment of Mario Estevane, Grant Qualls, Jack Griffin, Megan Patterson, Alec Joyce, Benjamin Capra as Hyannis Fire District FF's

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye

1. MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the April 9, 2026 Minutes were approved as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the May 14, 2026 Minutes were approved as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREETLIGHTS:

- Chief Burke suggested the HFD should complete a streetlight audit on its own as the Town of Barnstable's DPW (Department of Public Works) is currently unavailable to coordinate with the HFD for this streetlight audit
- Chairperson Cronin said a streetlight audit will be valuable for the district to understand its current streetlight sphere of responsibility
- Chief Burke said the district will be responsible for the streetlight audit's cost
- Commissioner Cross said the district needs to fully understand the streetlight situation to know what the streetlight plan is and who is financially responsible for the upkeep of the various streetlights
- Commissioner Cross stated not understanding the HFD's streetlight purview is possibly affecting the district's overall costs by a significant percentage over time
- Chief Burke said the streetlights have a current maintenance cost of about \$70k a year
- Chairperson Cronin suggested that an HFD intern or maybe a part-time, HFD employee could possibly complete the streetlight audit; Chairperson Cronin said if the district could see what its current streetlight responsibilities are then the district would be able to plan more efficiently for the streetlight maintenance
- The board discussed the streetlights and the possible streetlight audit
- Chairperson Cronin stated the known streetlight issues are that the light company will not take HFD off the streetlight bill until the Town of Barnstable authorizes this streetlight responsibility change
- Chairperson Cronin said the HFD needs to understand the streetlight inventory as we do not have a current full understanding of what streetlights the HFD is responsible for either financially or maintenance-wise
- Chief Burke will contact the light company to request if it can get a list of the streetlights; Chief Burke will also get back to the board regarding the intern option or if a third party should be hired to complete the streetlight audit

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Annual Report

- The board discussed the recent Annual Meeting
- Chairperson Cronin said the meeting went well and the board has not heard that there were any issues; the board will need to follow up on the Annual Meeting Minutes; District Clerk-Treasurer (interim) Sara Hunter will follow up on getting the minutes and she will pay the moderator; Chairperson Cronin stated the Annual Meeting Moderator is an elected official so District Clerk-Treasurer (interim) Sara Hunter will need to follow up to see how the moderator is paid
- Chairperson Cronin thanked everyone for their efforts for the Annual Meeting; District Clerk-Treasurer (interim) Sara Hunter said the Annual Meeting went well, and everyone did a great job setting up and breaking down the Annual Meeting setup

b. By-laws

- None

c. District Elections and Meeting Set-up

- Please see above in 6. NEW BUSINESS a. Annual Report for Chairman Cronin's thank you

7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR:

- None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Burke said the Dodge Durango's engine computer is lost
- Chief Burke said the Dodge Durango is not really being utilized right now, but this vehicle is a pending trade-in vehicle so Ronald Buscemi (HFD Master Mechanic) is looking at what the repair costs will be and its estimated trade-in value
- Chief Burke stated Marine 1 lost its motor rotor
- Chief Burke said there are 4 motor rotor options; option 1 is to fix Marine 1's engines which will cost

around \$150k, Chief Burke reminded the board that the HFD is nearly 2 years away from getting the replacement for Marine 1, which is being built presently; it is not ideal to having only one boat for potential

8. CHIEF'S REPORT (continued):

marine emergencies, but the HFD decide to take Marine 1 out of service right now

- Chief Burke said option 2 is to replace the motor
- Chief Burke said option 3 is to do a quick refit, but this option will be the same cost of refitting Marine 1 which will cost around \$700k; this option will take 6 months and this repair option should help Marine 1 to last another 10 to 20 years; Chief Burke said the HFD could also cancel the Munson order without penalty if this option is chosen
- Chief Burke stated option 4 is to call Munson and ask if the HFD can move our boat request up in the production line; this option might take a bit of money to change the production schedule; Chief Burke said option 4 might be a good idea as this last option secures a second, temporary boat for the HFD
- Commissioner Cross said he is opposed to refitting Marine 1 as the HFD will have the same issues and the aluminum hull is old, and it is getting thinner; Commissioner Cross stated the HFD will be back in the same position
- The board discussed Marine 1 and the options Chief Burke proposed
- Commissioner Cross suggested for Chief Burke to further explore the 4 proposed options and then come back to the board with his findings
- Chairperson Cronin said if the HFD needs a boat for a marine emergency then can the HFD utilize mutual aid with the other towns to make sure marine emergencies are covered as Chief Burke and the board explore Marine 1 repair options
- Chief Burke said there is mutual aid, but this mutual aid does have caveats such as the Town of Yarmouth has a platform but it might not have a shallow draft boat; Chief Burke said Marine 1 could get to shallower areas due its shallow draft, but it is not able to do that now due to its motor rotor issue
- Chief Burke said the HFD does have mutual aid if needed
- Chief Burke said the United States Coast Guard is removing Collins Rock scheduled for June 15, 2026

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:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye

Adjourned at 7:50 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: Thursday May 28, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **May 28, 2026**, 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
 - a. Outstanding minutes: April 9, 27, & May 14, 2026
2. Introduction of New Hires
3. Correspondence
4. Street Lights
 - a. Audit
 - b. West Main Street
 - c. Angell Road
 - d. Ocean Ave
 - e. Old Business
 - a. Annual Warrant and Budget
5. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
6. Chief's Report
7. Public Comment
8. Next Meeting Date
 - a. Thursday, June 11, 2026
9. 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.