

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

*Approved
Cronin
9/28/23*

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, August 24 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 August 24, 2023 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke, Deputy Chief Gregory Dardia, Lieutenant (Lt.) Michael Dalmau, Firefighter (FF) Christopher Murphy, District Clerk Treasurer TK Menesale, Alan Giles from Solect Energy, and HFD Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

I. OPEN SESSION:

- Chairperson Cronin took the meeting out of order to discuss agenda item 6a, the Solect Energy Presentation
- Chairperson Cronin said Lt. Dalmau would introduce Solect Energy presentation item
- Lt. Dalmau discussed Alan Giles and Solect Energy; Lt. Dalmau said the Commonwealth of Massachusetts gave HFD a selection of possible solar companies to work with; which led us to Solect Energy. Solect Energy met HFD's RFP requirements and HFD's goal to be able to use the power options that matches our current and future energy use.
- Alan Giles then presented his overview and spoke on behalf of Solect Energy and its power options and its finance structure; Solect Energy has been working on this project for the last 5 months; this project entails solar panels on the roof, car ports ("canopies"), and electric vehicle (EV) chargers behind the building; Solect Energy has about 700 installations in New England; Solect Energy mostly deals with municipalities; the proposed solar panels will be located on the roof and on several car ports. The combination of the roof and car ports solar panels installation will cover 100% of HFD's energy bill for this building, presently; over the course of 5.2 years HFD could save \$1.2 million in energy costs
- Alan Giles stated the next step for HFD to begin this proposed project would be for the commissioners to decide to move forward and then Chief Burke would be able to give his approval; with the approvals, Solect Energy would start the project beginning with permitting, which usually takes about 6-8 months to get all the necessary permits; once the project is on site, it will be about 6 to 8 weeks; the car ports take the most time implementing.
- The board asked Alan Giles questions and the board discussed the proposed project.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve Chief Burke to sign the letter of intent with Solect Energy

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

1. MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of June 22, 2023 as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

- Chairperson Cronin: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye
Commissioner Skende: Aye
Commissioner Atsalis: Aye

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of July 27, 2023 as amended

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREET LIGHTS:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the streetlight additions to both Angell Road and Kelley Road

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

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

- The board discussed the current streetlights and the streets that may not be illuminated as well as residents and/or the Town would like.

- Commissioner Atsalis said the streetlight request form and a response letter is in process

- Chief Burke gave an update to the Ocean Street pole and the streetlight situation

- Chairperson Cronin said the board should make sure to review the proposed streetlights to make sure we understand the responsibilities of the Town of Barnstable and the HFD

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Solar Power Presentation

- see above presentation in OPEN SESSION

7. BUILDING REPORT:

- Chief Burke said they have contacted a new vendor for the needed tower anchors

- Chief Burke stated the RFID project is complete

8. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

- None

9. CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Burke said call volume is catching up to last year's call volume numbers

- Chief Burke stated the Fire Prevention Officer posting was closed yesterday and it will take 3 weeks to go through the hiring process

- There are 3 new hires; on boarding should be completed by mid-September 2023 so these new hires are scheduled to be presented to the board in the September 18th meeting

- The new development on Main Street, Hyannis is an on-going item
- Chief Burke stated the Cape Cod Hospital project tower has started; this tower is just under the threshold for a high-rise structure
- Chief Burke said there has been a fair amount of training that has taken place over the last several weeks; Chief Burke summarized some of the training that has occurred; 8 FFs went to the Nashville National Guardsmen event for training with experts (fire fighters, National Guardsman, etc.) in suburban environment emergency situations
- Chief Burke attended meetings over the last few weeks, such as the National Firefighters Summit on Safety which had a lecture on how to use data to increase operational efficiencies
- There is a 3-day class being held at the fire house in September focusing on issues such as how to manage emergency situations involving crowd egress and crowd movement circulation problems; this class is being funded by a Homeland Security grant secured by HFD
- Chief Burke said dive team training will be occurring this month
- Chief Burke brought the commissioners through a new percentage of staffing standpoint to understand how the department staffs; this information was brought to the attention of HFD through its participation in the Nashville National Guard event training
- FF Murphy gave an update on Marine 1; the work on this boat should be completed early next week; he summarized the update and maintenance work that has been done to this boat; the prep work on the Quincy boat that was donated will start next week.
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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 8:10 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: August 24, 2023
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **August 24, 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
 - a. Angell Road
 - b. Kelley Road
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Solar Power Presentation
7. Building Report
8. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair
9. Chiefs 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.