

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

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Date of Meeting:	Thursday, September 12, 2024
Meeting Place:	95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 1-305-224-1968

*Approved
10/10/24*

A quorum being duly present, Chairperson Cronin called the September 12, 2024 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke (Zoom), District Clerk Treasurer TK Menesale, Assistant Chief Gregory Dardia, and HFD Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

ABSENT: None

I. OPEN SESSION:

1. MINUTES:

- The meeting minutes will be voted on next meeting

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREETLIGHTS:

- Commissioner Atsalis does not have any current streetlight requests; he will double-check his HFDC emails inbox to make sure that any streetlight inquiries are addressed by the board

4. Old Business

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Burke said through the hard work of HFD's Master Mechanic/ Support Services Ron Buscemi and former Deputy Chief Mark Storie; they were able to find a home for our antique Fox fire truck with the New England Museum of Firefight in New Hampshire

- HFD will retain the title, but this museum will take the antique Fox fire truck; This antique vehicle will remain the property of the HFD; this museum will be able to house this truck and this museum will pay for the Fox fire truck's transit to its facility, it will attempt to restore this antique truck and it will maintain its condition; HFD will have a contract with the museum detailing this information

- The board asked Chief Burke if there are any foreseeable downsides to this contract; Chief Burke stated there is nothing in the contract that he is concerned about and he said he thinks this option is best solution to the upkeep and maintenance of the antique Fox fire truck issue

- The board inquired about the insurance on this truck; the board discussed the contract's details; Chief Burke said the insurance will be on HFD as it is still our property; however, the museum may also take out insurance on it as they will be housing it as part of their museum exhibit

- This museum, New England Museum of Firefight, is located at 27 Lemon St, Adams, MA

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the contract for this museum for the time of a 10-year contract:

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Vote recorded as follows:

Chairperson Cronin: Aye

Commissioner Cross: Aye

Commissioner Skende: Aye

Commission Atsalis: Aye

Commissioner Mercado: Aye

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- Chief Burke said this item will be taken care by end of week; he will keep the board up to date on details

7. BUILDING REPORT:

- Chief Burke said we did get the attic access hatch installed; Chief Burke said we now are able to store more supplies and go through the supplies for organizational and efficiency purposes
- Chief Burke stated we are also looking for at a few small projects, but nothing massive; one project is the addition of a possible hand sink in the decontamination room, and we are looking to possibly reconfigure the dive storage to be in a room which is temperature controlled as the HFD has experienced dive equipment latex failure; Chief Burke said he is looking into this proposed change to the dive equipment storage options
- Chairperson Cronin inquired about what is needed to make sure the rooms are temperature-controlled
- Chief Burke said he will need to explore this issue further to make sure the solution is worth it and viable to make sure the dive equipment is protected from latex failure

8. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

- None

9. CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Burke asked Assistant Chief Dardia to join him in addressing the board
- Assistant Chief Dardia stated there are 6 candidates still in the running for the Training Captain position; the candidate testing process is designed to bring together various sources of information about the candidates such as conversations with their current Chiefs, their assessment center results, and the interaction with the HFD during this interview process, etc., to help us create an accurate, detailed picture of these candidates; the Training Captain position is scheduled to be decided on near the end of September/early October
- Assistant Chief Dardia said regarding fire emergencies, HFD has been busy the last couple of weeks; a few of the incidences were a fire at the Larry Doughty house on Pleasant Street, a gasoline spill ignited by a lighter which burnt a kitchen on Cedar Street; and a careless disposal fire on which was located at a 2-story apartment complex on Iyannough Road, the inside corner of the building caught fire; people were initially trapped inside the building when our FFs arrived on scene; overall the residents were very helpful to the emergency personnel; there were no injuries in this fire; in summary, the HFD FFs did a great job and put all these fires out quickly
- Chief Burke said we would like to do the commissioning ceremonies for the boats before the summer ends on September 23 or September 24; we are planning to invite the Quincy police and the Newbury FFs who gave us the boats for this event
- Chief Burke stated we have our airport full exercise coming up on September 26; Captain David Webb will stand in for Chief Burke during the scheduled Commissioner Meeting on September 26, 2024
- The Security exercise evaluation exercise is built out from a couple of different perspectives; Captain Nagorka did a great job at building it out; one perspective, we use a process called the Homeland Security exercise evaluation process; in addition to the exercise piece, we also have the entire player piece; overall, there is basically 2 command charts you have to run
- This airport drill is a tremendous amount of effort both in its complexity and its scope
- Chief Burke said the other program he wanted to highlight tonight is the anti-trafficking program; The HFD and the San Francisco Fire District are the only 2 fire districts who will pilot that program in the US; Chief Burke will debrief the board regarding this program in October/November
- Chief Burke said we also have the DP full-scale oil spill training which will happen next week; that exercise engages Moran Environmental, the Steamship Authority, the Barnstable fire, the Yarmouth fire, and the Hyannis fire
- September 20 we will have the Chief John Paul Jones from the Kansas City Fire will be coming for the speaker series to present lead through character and mentorship
- Chief Burke detailed the Cape and Island Bridge Task Force meeting that he attended; both bridge projects being discussed are out for contract in 2026, the construction will begin in 2028, and the completion date is slated for 2034; Chief Burke summarized the information presented for the board
- The last meeting of the local comprehensive planning process and this is a land use plan that does not have a major impact on the HFD itself; it is not a strategy plan but a land plan; if the population increases then staffing will have to increase due to call volume; Chief Burke reiterated that this was a land discussion, not a safety discussion

Continued – CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chairperson Cronin and Commissioner Cross discussed how and when should the board get involved in the planning as population density increases will affect the HFD's ability to handle the population growth's emergency needs; Chief Burke said the roles are complicated and the issues are layered challenges; Chief Burke was thinking of contacting the town council as they are the ones who are chartered to highlight these possible future emergency challenges; Chief Burke said what we need is to get more data in relation to the increased demand on emergency services due to increasing population density
- Chief Burke said he will send a link to the plans that are on the Town of Barnstable website to the board
- The board discussed the impact to the HFD and how the board could begin to address these challenges to ensure the community's emergency needs will be met

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- District Clerk Treasurer Menesale said she put the calendar in the back of the financial report

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 Skende: Aye

Commission Atsalis: 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, September 12, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

On **September 12, 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. Disposition of Aherns Fox
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.