

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Approved  
10/26/23

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Thursday, September 28, 2023</b>
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	<b>95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601 and Zoom Meeting and Dial-in Number: 781-368-1701</b>

A quorum being duly present, Chairperson Cronin called the September 28, 2023 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 PM

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Peter Burke, District Clerk Treasurer TK Menesale, and HFD Recording Secretary Colleen Murphy

**I. OPEN SESSION:**

- Chairperson Cronin took the meeting out of order to discuss agenda items (6a) Appointment of new Fire Prevention Officer

6a.

- Chief Burke nominated Lieutenant Michael Dalmau for appointment to the HFD Fire Prevention Officer in accordance with all appropriate By-laws

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to affirm and approve the appointment of Lieutenant Michael Dalmau as the HFD Fire Prevention Officer

**VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

Vote recorded as follows:

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

**1. MINUTES:**

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the August 24, 2023 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

**2. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

**4. STREET LIGHTS:**

- Chairperson Cronin asked Commissioner Atsalis to respond to requestors about street light request approval  
- Chief Burke spoke to the Town of Barnstable's Department of Public Works Senior Manager, Paul Graves, regarding the direction the HFD would like to see the Town of Barnstable take concerning the Ocean Street lights

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Appointment of new Fire Prevention Officer

Please see "meeting out of order" items above for item (6a) in the Open Session

**7. BUILDING REPORT:**

- None

**8. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR**

- None

**9. CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Chief Burke said the call volume is 200 calls below last year's call volume
- Chief Burke stated HFD is still tracking 4 long-term absences; FF Patrick Holmes is expected back next month
- Lieutenant John Oberlander retired last week
- Chief Burke said the Quincy boat is currently drydocked behind the HFD fire station; there is still a fair amount of work that needs to be completed such as pulling the motors; the work on Marine 1 is completed and Marine 1 is ready for service
- Chief Burke reminded the board that HFD had received a FEMA grant for training funding
- Chief Burke said the Crowd Science class had to be cancelled; Homeland Security had funded this class; although this Crowd Science class had to be cancelled there will be other training opportunities available in the coming months
- Captain Jeffrey Lamothe coordinated the training for 5 new HFD divers and all 5 dive trainees are now ready; Chief Burke said although these 5 divers were off Cape due to training, HFD had backup divers in place to assist the Yarmouth car accident that occurred on the dive training day
- The board discussed the staffing matrix
- Chairperson Cronin asked Chief Burke about the shift plan's readiness to be voted on for the next meeting
- Chief Burke said the shift plan will be ready for the next meeting's vote
- Commissioner Cross stated his friend who was a Yachtsman resident was very complimentary about the HFD and Chief Burke, in particular, for making sure that she was safe and not missing in the building fire that occurred at the Yachtsman in October 2022
- Commissioner Cross also talked to the President of the Yachtsman Homeowners Association (HOA) who was also very complimentary regarding the HFD and its emergency response to the Yachtsman 2022 fire emergency
- The board and Chief Burke discussed the continuous improvement to prevent and mitigate the dangers caused by PFAS exposure to both the firefighters and the public

**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 7:37 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:** September 28, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**PLACE:** 95 High School Road Extension, Hyannis, MA 02601

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**REMOTE PARTICIPATION:**

On **September 28, 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!

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**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. Appointment of new Fire Prevention Officer
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.