

HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

*Approved  
10/13/22*

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>Thursday, September 8, 2022</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, Commissioner Cronin called the September 8, 2022, Hyannis Fire District Commissioner Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Laura Cronin, Peter Cross, and Victor Skende; Commissioner Atsalis (joined at 7:05 PM)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief Peter Burke, Clerk/Treasurer TK Menesale, and Deputy Mark Storie

**I. OPEN SESSION:**

**1. MINUTES:**

- The approval for the minutes has been moved to the next meeting

**2. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

**4. STREET LIGHTS:**

- There are no current issues
- Clerk/Treasurer Menesale asked if there was a map of the street lights' locations
- The commissioners will look in their records to see if there is a map of the street lights. None of the decorative lights are HFD's responsibility; this map question will be looked into further and the commissioners will readdress this map query later in the fall

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**6a. Discussion on PFAS** – There has been recent articles in the news that have mentioned the dangers of PFAS and comments by other Fire Chiefs regarding the health risks of PFAS. Chairman Cronin stated her concern. Chief Burke gave an overview of what PFAS are. Chief Burke stated that PFAS are everywhere (i.e. in food packaging, in water, etc.). Foam exposure can also taint the water supply. Chief Burke said that the HFD has eliminated the legacy foam C13, which usually has the highest levels of PFAS; instead the HFD has C8 Foam on hand as well as F3 Foam; Testing for PFAS has also changed over the year, now they test for PPT rather than PPM. Unfortunately, there is no PFAS free foam at this moment. The DEP tests the foam for the HFD. HFD does not purchase any fluorene foam anymore. Furthermore, the HFD tries to reduce PFAS exposure with all due diligence. The turnout gear has fluorene compounds in the outer shell. The inside vapor barrier also has PFAS. Chief Burke hopes to purchase in the future PFAS-reduced turnout gear when it is available. Furthermore, the cross-tech liner is still in question whether this gear can be PFAS-free. The HFD continues to reduce PFAS exposure by changing their outer jackets to Rescue jackets and they make efforts to decrease occupational exposure for the FFs. The FCAM Fire Chief's Association is pursuing a class action due to the losses from PFAS.

- Commissioner Cross said he is supportive of the FFs and wants them to know the Board is working for them too.

- Chief Burke reiterated that the staff is doing a great job cleaning their gear and the gear is only worn when required. This gear is never kept in living spaces. The risk of PFAS exposure is a known danger and the employees are aware of it. Chief Burke is always on the lookout for ways/methods to reduce PFAS exposure

- Commissioner Cross added that monitoring health, getting checkups and continued emphasis on safety is paramount to combat PFAS potential exposure

**6b. Building Report** - Chief Burke stated the front window will be replaced as a lawn mower mistakenly cracked it; the HVAC system is working with no problems

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

- None

**8. CHIEF'S REPORT**

- The fireworks display went well. The crew was very prepared, but there were no emergencies. The DCR is in town for the dry area off of Ocean Street. Captain Webb continues to promote the Adult Day for adults 55 and older scheduled for September 22, 2022. There are lots of vendors
- Chief Burke has asked for Board of Commissioners support to purchase a trailer for the event and other community engagement needs
- The commissioners support the purchase of this trailer as long as it is within budget
- Cyber Liability Insurance is projected to cost \$21K; the Chief is planning to contact other districts to find out if they are purchasing this type of insurance. Chief Burke is also exploring if the HFD will benefit from the purchase of this insurance or not
- Deputy Storie stated the 9/11 ceremony is at 9:45 AM; the honor guard is prepared for their participation at this solemn event; Former commissioner Dennis Sullivan has also been invited for this 9/11 memorial event
- Fees will be discussed at the next meeting
- Vacancies are posted for open positions; October probation candidates and candidates for hire for the Board to review are slated for November
- Marine One will cost \$140K for its repairs (i.e. 2 diesel motors and transmission work); The discussion on when to RFP for work will be scheduled for a future meeting

**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:

- Commissioner Skende: Aye
- Commissioner Cross: Aye
- Commissioner Cronin: Aye

Adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

TK Menesale, Clerk/Treasurer Hyannis Fire District