

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS - REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Dennis Sullivan, Ben Perry, Victor Skende and Chief Brunelle.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

1. MINUTES : The minutes of the August 27th meeting were accepted as presented on a motion made by Sullivan and seconded by Skende.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT : Linda Rowell presented the Chairman with a letter from the state that acknowledged that some of the calls for service to the senior living center on Falmouth Road were inappropriate. The ombudswoman at the Center will continue to review calls for service to ensure that they are appropriate.
3. STREET LIGHTS: No Report
4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSSINESS:

a. PILOT: The Chairman made copies of a Falmouth Enterprise article relative to payment in lieu of taxes in the town of Falmouth. State Representative Kulik has a bill pending (HB 2584) that will mandate PILOT by non-profits to municipalities.. Cross has contacted Kulik's legislative office to seek an amendment to include fire and water districts. Manna has not been responsive to calls to date. It was suggested that we all should become involved in this issue. It was also suggested that we engage other fire districts in town and on the Cape as well. Cross has contacted our attorney and Rep Manna's office relative to an amendment to the port tax to ensure that we get our fair share of the tax.

b. New Fire House: We are approaching point of decision. Do we go forward with the plan discussed at the workshop or do we go back to square one? Sullivan said we are stuck in place until Kaestle Boos comes back with their report about the feasibility of incorporating this building into future plans. Kaestle Boos requested and received as built drawings of this building. McKeon of K-B indicated to Cross that the report will be ready for 1 October. Once that report is ready we will need to decide whether or not to proceed with the current design and obtain bids.

Cross distributed a document prepared by Bill Cronin to the Commission for review and discussion at a later date.

c. Financial Reports for FY15 and July and August FY16: Commissioners were asked to review the reports. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

6. CHIEF'S AGENDA: The Chief announced that the 9/11 Ceremony will be held at the Station on Friday at 10 am. Plans are in place to hold the ceremony on the apparatus floor if there is rain.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Rowell suggested that ambulance fees be adjusted. Comstar had suggested that we look at our fees and the blended rate. Staff will address the issue with Comstar.

Sullivan moved that we adjourn. Seconded by Skende.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende
Clerk

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