

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Dennis Sullivan, Laura Cronin, Victor Skende and as a Boar4d, Demetrius Atsalis and Acting Chief Dean Melanson.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

I OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES: On a motion by Sullivan, seconded by Skende, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2016 were approved as presented.
2. CORRESPONDENCE: Skende relayed message from the Clerk/Treasurer that Commissioners need to sign certificate that they have received Conflict of Interest Law and return to the Clerk/Treasurer.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. STREET LIGHTS: Cross reported that he received email Cc: from C. Pisacano concerning street lights and sidewalks on Ocean Street. There was general discussion that there remains confusion about the role of the District and street lighting. Cronin stated that the District role is to maintain the lights and provide lighting for safety of the fire service and stated further that it is not the responsibility of the District to provide lighting for personal safety. Cross said he would meet with Pisacano and suggest that he direct his and others concerns to the appropriate agencies.
5. OLD BUSINESS: Cross had received a bill for \$332.07 for the printing of 50 copies of the amended By Law. Payment was approved unanimously. Copies are available at the station and will be available on the web site.
6. NEW BUSINESS: a. Building Committee: Skende reported that he had contacted Southern Middlesex Industries concerning the delay in beginning the site work. The DEP has accepted the work plan and released the project. Skende had talked with Chief prior to tonight's meeting and Chief has agreed to follow-up with Building Department and get permit signed and back to SMI. Cross reported that there had been some concern expressed by FFs about the Ready Room. He encouraged them to go to KBA with their concerns. Chief agreed and made transportation available. Dalmau reported that their concerns were addressed and were resolved satisfactorily. Chief reported that Cybercom informed us that the application for 160-foot antenna would require lighting. A tower of 125 feet would not. The application will be modified.

- b. Chief's Search Committee: Cronin reported that the committee met on the 23d and approved the job description and ideal candidate profile. The material will be posted internally and in the Patriot as required by By Law. Cronin reported that the consultants expected a good response.
- c. By Law Committee: Cronin reported that the revised By Law is available. Some minor corrections and housekeeping need to be made to the By Law. Our attorney is drafting language for annual meeting that will allow corrections to be made without individual items on the warrant.
- d. Annual Report: Skende reported on his meetings with Cronin, LaFleur and the Chief. Chief shared an annual report from 1998 with him. The District Report will contain a report from the Commission, report from the Chief, streamlined statistics as well as the financial reports. Cross asked for input from Commissioners concerning the Commission Report. Cronin asked that crib notes be included for the warrant as well as definition of terms such as service vehicles and CMED. The warrant and report should be made available to the public 30 days prior to annual meeting.
7. Items not reasonably anticipated: Atsalis brought up the proposed development of the Dockside property. He stated that development of that property would generate much needed tax increase for the town and the fire district. He felt that the Board should go on record as supporting the proposed project. Cronin stated that she is not against development of the property but the project needs more vetting. She would not feel comfortable with the Board taking a stand at this time. Skende recounted the loss of neighborhood when the SSA came into Hyannis. He was in favor of the project that would bring people back to the neighborhood. Cross stated that as a Fire District we should encourage tax paying development and discourage expanding non-profit development. He stated that coming out in favor of this project would be divisive and that we as a Board should remain neutral. Sullivan agreed and stated that we should avoid supporting individual projects. The topic was tabled.
8. CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief stated that the appointment of acting officers has been completed. With the retirement of FF Barry Pina, the Chief will be filling the position from the County Chief's list. He will be appointing a hiring committee. Residents of the village will be interviewed as well as others on the list. He expects that we will have 2 or 3 retirements next year. The current promotional list for Capts and Lts expires October 2018. Testing should be done in a timely manner. Testing will need to be done in early 2018. There is no list for Deputy Chief. The Deputy Chief testing should be done this FY. Chief stated that he would give the Clerk/Treasurer figures for testing that will need to be budgeted. Chief is looking at the replacement of 807 the Training Capt's vehicle. Chief is looking at possible replacement of Ambulance 828 which has some mechanical

issues. If possible he would like to move quickly. He will come to the Board at our next meeting payment plan.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: Nathaniel Munafo felt that the Board should not come out in support for any one individual project but in general should support tax generating projects and not waive any tax.

Sullivan moved that the Board adjourn the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session under M.G.L. c.30A §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to negotiating collective bargaining agreement with Firefighters Union 2172 and not to return to Open Session. Seconded by Skende. Cross called for a Roll Call vote.

Cross	Yes
Cronin	Yes
Atsalis	Yes
Sullivan	Yes
Skende	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende
Clerk