

**HYANNIS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, February 27, 2020
Meeting Place:	High School Road Extension Hyannis, MA 02601 in the 2nd Floor Training Room

A quorum being duly present, Commissioner Cross called the February 27, 2020 Hyannis Fire District Commissioner meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Victor Skende, Dennis Sullivan, and Laura Cronin

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Peter Burke and Reporting Secretary Colleen Murphy

ABSENT: Peter Cross and Demetrius Atsalis

I. OPEN SESSION:

1. MINUTES:

- Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve as amended the minutes of the February 13, 2020 Regular Meeting

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commissioner Cronin stated she had received letters again inquiring about the fire house dedication plaque and specifically a letter dated 021420 from former HFD Commissioner Richard Gallagher requesting public information

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

4. STREET LIGHTS:

- Deputy Kristofferson said Eversource returned 15 streetlights to the HFD from Sea Street which were taken down during the decorative streetlight installation
- Deputy Kristofferson stated he is working with Griffin Beaudoin, Town of Barnstable Town Engineer and Siemens to give an estimate to move streetlights per the request of MassDot regarding the Rte. 28 and Yarmouth Rd project; the HFD would have to pay for the work on the streetlights and then the HFD will be reimbursed by the MassDOT
- Commissioner Cronin was concerned with the cost and timing of reimbursement from MassDOT

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6a. Building Committee Update

- Commissioner Skende said the GG&D 031320 meeting has been moved to 030920 to review the mechanical in the firehouse
- Commissioner Skende said the new plaque will be hung by CTA; the plaque is in the firehouse and ready to be hung
- Commissioner Skende stated the sign lights are on the firehouse sign but to illuminate the lights it must be adjusted

6b. By-law Review Update

- Commissioner Cronin stated the By-law committee is working on a small update to the by-laws regarding the responsibility of the HFD and streetlights
- Next By-law Committee Meeting is 030220 at 5 PM
- Commissioner Skende stated he will not be at the upcoming By-law Committee Meeting but would like to mention that he feels the district is used to voting at the Community Center venue and to move the voting, even only occasionally, may cause confusion with possible voters and the firehouse does not have the parking that is needed
- Commissioner Sullivan agreed
- Commissioner Skende said the By-law Committee meeting agenda item on Job Descriptions – there are limits placed on the commissioners on the HFD Chief's tenure and how Chief's compensation is dealt with; It does not make sense to him to have the Chief's compensation tied to the union
- Commissioner Cronin said she thought the By-law Committee can research the reasoning behind these By-law restrictions, but the commissioners would have to decide that and then recommend this compensation change to the By-laws Committee
- Commissioner Cronin and Commissioner Sullivan agreed

7. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

- None

8. CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Burke stated there are 4 FFs in the final stages of testing and these 4 FF names will be brought before the commissioners next meeting
 - There are 3 current vacancies, 1 long-term absence and 1 pending retirement, so if all 4 FF candidates make it through the final testing the next meeting may have the request for 4 FFs to be hired
 - 2 of the 4 FFs are already FF Academy graduates and the other 2 FFs are Step 2 certified
 - These new hires will improve our efficiencies and soften the burden of the long-term absences we have presently
- Chief Burke said the Homeless Committee met and there has been good progress with inserting Hyannis Fire into the conversation

- Chief Burke stated Citizens Academy met last week and 30 – 32 people attended, and the outreach was successful
- On 030520 Mid Atlantic Battalion Chief to train 30 of the HFD, on managing a fire ground with better safety and accountability

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- none

II. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

- none

Vote on Adjournment of public session:

Upon a motion fully made and seconded it was voted to Adjourn the public session

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen E. Murphy, Recording Secretary, Hyannis Fire District