

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

June 15, 2020

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1702 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley and Frank were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Chief Eldridge, Lt. Jason Davern and K. Thut.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2020 meeting. There was two (2) ambulance waivers to be continued to next month – Commissioners to review paperwork prior to next meeting. No public comment.

COVID-19

Chief Winn gave update on Department's safety measures and status of skilled nursing facilities in the District. The accuracy of the COVID+ list (DPH) was discussed. Chief expects an uptick in the number of cases in the Fall and emphasizes the need for vigilance at the beginning of every daily Department roll call.

CORRESPONDENCE

Local 59 – MOU and contract

K. Thut contract

Commissioners will review/sign hard copies located at Station 1.

PERSONNEL

- David Scott – shoulder surgery on 6/9/20, expected return October 2020
- Mike Carney – out due to shoulder surgery since 3/2/20, expected return 6/30/20
- Mike Simmons – out on Administrative leave
- Eric Bengston – out on back injury, indefinitely

FIRE PREVENTION

The month of May continued with significant impacts of the virus on services provided to the public by Fire Prevention. Inspections, education, and enforcement were severely curtailed throughout the month. The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting was cancelled.

Site Plan review was conducted via zoom for 182 Osterville/West Barnstable Road to re-open the former Bush Gardens. Construction continued on Garrett's Family Market, 1617 Falmouth Road, Centerville. Final inspections were conducted on Riedell's P&H new storage building at the rear of 778 Main Street, Osterville.

We continued to defer resale inspections based on guidance from the Governor. A limited number of resale inspections did take place for properties that were also tied to a building permit and had fire alarm work done, triggering the need for an inspection to obtain occupancy.

This past month a total of 37 permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$845.00 in permit fees. New fire alarm systems tied to construction was the most common type of permit (11) and inspection (26). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed 93 inspections and/or activities, 3 of which

were Senior Safe Grant visits. **Inspector MacNeely provided additional information re 26F inspections/permits (see attached.)**

EMS

PPE supplies are at more-than-adequate levels if there is no spike in COVID cases now that re-opening has begun. The preventative maintenance contracts are being renegotiated and signed currently for Lifepaks, monitors, etc. Any proposed articles for FY21 are being “spec-ed” with vendors. Training and certification are on track for 2020.

DISPATCH

Through the month of April dispatched call volume for 2020 had been running behind 2019’s numbers, but that changed in May when we handled 473 emergency responses for COMM units, as compared to 380 the previous May. The five month total stood at 1840, 7 calls ahead of the same period a year ago. Much of the increase can likely be attributed to public service calls in May for Birthday Parades and other celebrations for district children unable to celebrate in more traditional ways due to the Corona Virus quarantine. We also dispatched 60 calls for Cotuit Fire District during May, which is an increase of 47 calls for the five month period when compared to 2019.

The Dispatchers have been working with Captain Sargent during the development of the new RedNMX software package, offering suggestions on the fields we need to see, and what data needs to be accessed quickly. Some features are not yet active, and the map needs to be easier to navigate. All suggestions are being passed to the developer by Captain Sargent. It is expected that Dispatcher training on the new system will begin on June 16th.

EQUIPMENT

Ambulance 325 has been sent out for repairs.

OPERATIONS

Governor Baker’s “reopening plan” and its impact on COMM, including the restaurants and beaches.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Continuing sanitation efforts and keeping cleaning supplies on hand at each station. Added new sanitizing station to D-side of Station 1 (app bay.) New hose and reels were installed at Station 2. Weed control and mulching beds ongoing at all three stations.

BUDGET

FY 2020 is beginning week 51/52 or 98% complete. Please see provided information. **Overall YTD spending at 94.5%.**

TRAINING

June Training:

1. Hearing protection (Lexipol Policy)
2. Small tools

3. Ventilation procedures and equipment – **Chief Winn explained modern ventilation practices at fire scenes.**
4. Chainsaw operation and safety
5. Health and wellness: eating healthy, fitness and cancer/heart prevention.

PLANNING

District Election – Monday, June 22nd from 0900-1500 hrs (change from years' past)

Annual District Meeting – June 23rd at 1900 hrs at Station 1 (under tent.)

COMMITTEES

MISCELLANEOUS

Upcoming events:


June 21 – Father's Day

July 3- Admin closed for 4th of July

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1735 hrs. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2020 and will be held in the Meeting Hall at Station 1 and virtually. The public is invited to attend using ZOOM (see meeting notices on COMM Fire or TOB websites.)

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Frank, Clerk