

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

March 15, 2021

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1703 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister and Scott were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, C. Adams, M. Rogers, B. Monroe, and N. Celeste. Commissioner Riley joined at 1712 hrs.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers nor any public comment.

COVID-19

Update on skilled nursing facilities

Regency
Harbor Point
CHIPS House

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

Eric Bengston – out on neck/back injury since 6/5/20. Surgery on 9/18. Eric Bengston is out till March, per his doctor's note he is continuing with physical therapy for 2 months. Eric has provided the department with a MD note stating he has reached medical endpoint and is unable to return to firefighting duty. Eric has filed for retirement with the BCRB

Justin Medeiros-Injured on Duty and has been out for approximately two months. Justin will have his probation extended to reflect the time away injured during his probation period

Michael Carney-out for an unknown period of time. Mike injured himself while off duty.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire prevention resumed performing all types of inspections in February.

Firefighter Lehane continued to assist with senior safe program.

The Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts monthly meeting was held via Zoom. This month's educational component was on Blasting Detail Orientation, presented by Matthew Murray, Chief Code Compliance Officer with the MA Department of Fire Services.

The Cape & Islands Fire Prevention Association held a meeting via Zoom and elected officers for the board of directors. FPO Hill was elected to the position of Treasurer.

No site plans were held for COMM in February. Construction began on the new business bays building at 1330 Main Street in Osterville. Renovations of the former Anderson Hardware occupancy at 20 Camp Opechee Road neared completion. The new occupancy will be a church.

The Junior Firefighter program resumed in class teaching to first grade students at West Villages Elementary and will continue throughout the remainder of the school year.

This past month a total of (93) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2205.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (62) and inspection (66). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (215) inspections and/or activities (45) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

PPE continues to be located and purchased as needed. We currently have a good supply of PPE.
Recertification for members with expiring EMT certification continues through the end of the month.
Education via Prodigy continues monthly. The state is still not allowing in person lectures due to COVID.
Work underway to develop a final specification and quote for a replacement ambulance.
Equipment and supplies are in good working order. Crews continue to meet the challenges of EMS daily.

DISPATCH

During the month of February COMM units responded to 310 calls for emergency service, which is down 44 calls when compared to February of 2020. The 2 month total 686 is down by 9 calls when compared to the same period last year. Of February's 310 calls, 212 were medical or motor vehicle related, the remaining 98 were fire and service calls. COMM dispatched 59 calls for Cotuit Fire Department last month giving them a 2 month total of 118, which is off 49 runs from the previous January and February. February was also quieter at the Vestibule window with 111 public contacts in February, 144 in January.

On February 26th COMM began a 30 day trial period of using a new dispatch script for 911 medical calls aimed at reducing redundant questions and decreasing dispatch times. 911 calls are still transferred, but the Dispatcher at BPD relays the address and chief complaint, then continues with the medical questioning while COMM dispatches the call. It seems to allow faster response and reduced frustration by callers. To date it seems to be a positive for all concerned. The system will be evaluated at the end of the month.

EQUIPMENT

Work with on new car specs with dealer and Federal Signal for replacement of C301 and C321
Prepped and worked on B310 including the installation of a flood light
Entire fleet of apparatus and cars had undercarriage washed to remove salt and winter crud.
E305 had a LDH valve repaired to stop leak
Diagnosed and repaired electrical issue on light tower

TRAINING

April Training:

- 1.) Extrication for Groups 3 and 4
- 2.) Marine Operations: Marine 310, review Maritime Response Plan and marine policy
- 3.) Boat yards familiarization/standpipe flushing
- 4.) EMS class: Prodigy

Capt. Morrison will be attending a planning meeting via Zoom on March 16th for the upcoming COMM/Cotuit GRS Exercise.

Capt. Morrison will be attending a training via Zoom on March 11th "Managing Training & Compliance to NFPA Standards" sponsored by IAFC and Target Solutions.

OPERATIONS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

With spring like weather this past week, was able to get out and spring clean at station one
Sanded, primed, and painted rusted gas line to building and diesel lines to generator at station one
Repaired basement men's toilet, new valves, and o-rings at station one
Checked and refilled sanitizing supplies at all three stations

BUDGET

PLANNING

Budget preparations for FY 2022 have begun.

COMMITTEES

Announcement that COMM Fire is hiring has been posted in the Cape Cod Times, on the COMM Website, and on social media. Applications are to be picked up by March 22, 2021 and returned by March 30, 2021.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

Implementation of the RedNMX platform continues. Currently working on the Fire Inspection Module.

Thrive updated and patched the exchange server after the Microsoft hack last week. There were no issues prior to the patch.

Deputy Eldridge and Rich Sargent will be meeting with our new account manager from Thrive this month to review our contract, issues we are having, and plans for how we will use thrive going forward.

The Department has updated all computers running Windows 7 with new machines running windows 10. Other than several of the apparatus, all computers are new within 1-2 years and running well. Efforts underway to keep a spare laptop and desktop machine available in case one goes down and replace the apparatus laptops when they have a problem rather than try to fix due to their age.

The "bulletin boards" have been installed in the stations. These show general department scheduling and information when no calls are active and switch to call detail and location when we receive a 911 call giving the members in the stations additional information.

Rich Sargent is working with the Water department with implementation of their new software platform which ties in with the Prudential office and have worked on repairs and replacements of IT equipment in both offices.

MISCELLANEOUS

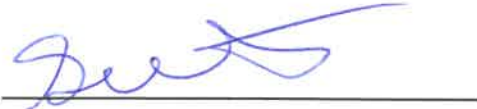
COMM Election Day is May 17, 2021

COMM Annual Meeting is May 18, 2021

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1735 hrs. Next meeting is April 26, 2021 as Administration is closed for Patriots Day on April 19, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Frank, Clerk