

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department

Fire Commissioners' Meeting

September 20, 2021

Minutes

The Board of Fire Commissioners meeting opened at 1704 hrs. Fire Commissioners Macallister, Riley, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Winn, Deputy Eldridge, M. Rogers, and N. Celeste.

Roll call was taken. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August 16, 2021 meeting. There were no ambulance waivers nor any public comment.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews for Lieutenants position

- B. Smith
- M. Carney

A motion was made, and seconded, to promote Acting Captain to Permanent Captain effective 9/20/21

A motion was made, and seconded, to promote FF Bradley Smith to the position of LT effective 9/20/21

A motion was made, and seconded, to promote FF Michael Carney to the position of LT effective 9/30/21

COVID-19

COMM Fire is again now requiring all personnel to wear full PPE when responding to a congregate care or skilled nursing facility. This includes N95 mask, eye protection and gloves.

COMM Fire continues to follow Town of Barnstable Board of Health recommendations when any members or family members test positive or are required to isolate due to an exposure.

PERSONNEL

Lieutenant Eric Bengston – has filed for an accidental disability retirement with the Barnstable County Retirement Association. COMM Fire is assisting Eric with this effort and all paper work is being compiled for processing.

Lieutenant Michael Rogers - is hoping to return to duty on October 1, 2021. **Lieutenant Rogers will be returning on October 2, 2021**

FF Justin Medeiros - is out due to an IOD injury to his hip. Justin had surgery on July 26th on his injury and is convalescing well. Justin is anticipated to be out for 3 months minimally.

Dispatcher Laurie Motte - will be out sick starting 19Aug21 for a non-occupational injury repair and recovery. Laurie is getting better every day!!!

Lieutenant Matt Dillion - is out sick due to a non-occupational injury. Matt is out until at least 20Sep21. **Lieutenant will be returning on September 27, 2021.**

Lieutenant Roger Aalto - has announced his retirement from COMM Fire effective September 30, 2021. We thank Roger for his over three decades of service to our community.

FIRE PREVENTION

Construction neared completion on the solar project at Cape Resources 280 Old Falmouth Road. Construction of a new 7700 sq. ft. horse barn continued at 779 Bumps River Road. There will also be a 13,600 sq. ft. covered riding ring.

The change of use from offices to 26 apartments on the 2nd floor of Bell Tower Mall, 1600 Falmouth Road is in the permitting stage and construction is set to begin soon.

All schools within the District had their required Fire Alarm Drills over the past week including Cape Cod Academy. All of the public schools were inspected in August.

This past month a total of (66) permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$1650.00 in permit fees. Resale inspections of homes was the most common type of permit (44) and inspection (54). Overall the Fire Prevention Officers completed (210) inspections and/or activities (60) of which were Senior Safe Grant visits.

EMS

- 1) COVID Cases are trending upward with an increase in calls for service. All PPE is stocked adequately.
- 2) Continuing education and NCCP classes have resumed system wide with a hybrid of some in person and some Zoom Classes.
- 3) New Ambulance has been pushed back because of a chip shortage. Cab and Chassis should be delivered to Horton around the first of the year. Once at Horton, it will be another 3-4 months before completion.
- 4) COMM P/FF Matthew DePippo has been riding as a Paramedic intern for a month and has almost completed all requirements.

DISPATCH

During the month of August COMM units were dispatched to 313 medical and 201 fire or service calls, for a monthly total of 514. That represents an increase of 74 calls when compared to August of 2020. The eight month total of 3215 is an increase of 144 calls when compared to the first eight months of last year. In addition we dispatched 108 calls for Cotuit in August for an eight month total of 598, an increase of 27 calls over the same period last year.

Of the 622 calls dispatched in August: 324 came in via 911, 120 via alarm lines, 78 on business lines, 6 by radio from COMM units, 14 from Barnstable County Control, 18 walk ins or in person reports, 47 from Barnstable Police, and 15 unrecorded sources.

All equipment and software in dispatch are working well, including the traffic light at Station One, which was repaired on August 30th with assistance from Town of Barnstable DPW personnel.

EQUIPMENT

All ambulances serviced

A324-computer wiring replaced and repaired

A325-computer wiring replaced and repaired/DEF issues on going

A326-computer wiring replaced and repaired/DEF issues on going

E306-computer wiring repaired. Air conditioning repaired. Heat problem on going.

L307-Hydraulic repairs underway to controls at the turn table. **First week of October L307 will be sent out for recall repairs.**

TRAINING

Chimney Fire: Review equipment on the apparatus, Prodigy class, NIOSH Near-Miss reports

SCBA Air Consumption Course and PowerPoint

EMS Class: Prodigy (Lt. Davern to assign)

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

M310 remains in service at the dock with no service issues reported in the past month. In total, the Department has responded to 22 Marine Incidents this calendar year. There have been 91 hours of operator-based underway time logged since commissioning in March.

Dive Team

In August, The Dive Team conducted two evidence recovery searches at Shubel's Pond in cooperation with the Barnstable Police Department. The first search occurred on the date of an alleged crime and was a joint operation with Hyannis Fire. The second occurred on the September scheduled training day and was a joint operation with both Hyannis and Barnstable County Dive Teams. FF Hammond is currently enrolled in classes to complete his Advanced Open Water certification.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Fall fertilization started, cleaned and raked areas for over seeding

Trimmed shrubs and cleaned beds at Station 2 and Station 3

Cleaned traffic light control box of mice debris so repairs could be made, system has been repaired

Cleaned drain in laundry room at Station 1

Cleaned and set up for 9/11 Ceremony, broke down set up once ceremony was complete

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet

PLANNING

COMMITTEES

Hiring Committee met Thursday 16Sep21 to discuss recruitment and the hiring of two new COMM Fire members to replace Captain Greene and Lt. Aalto. Interviews scheduled for September 27 at 1300hrs.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (IT)

IT Report September 20, 2021

- Work on the Inspection module of RedNMX is continuing. We have experienced several problems with this part of the program and are slowly getting them worked out. The parts of the system that we have fully implemented are working well.
- With the shortage of computer chips, we have begun to order spare computers for our critical areas in case there is a computer failure. Currently there is a 2-3 month wait for computers from Dell.
- The email and security update project with Thrive has been completed. We have met with Thrive to discuss Phase 2 of the project, which will upgrade our servers and revamp our use of the servers for better efficiency.
- We have received new copiers for the Fire Department and Treasurer's office. The water department copier is back ordered and should be in next month.
- We have started looking into online bill payment options for the Fire Department and Water department to have the ability for customers to pay for water bills, fire inspections, permits, and record requests online.

MISCELLANEOUS

COMM Fire Recognition Night is being planned to occur the same night as the October Fire Commissioner Meeting.

Special District Meeting will be held October 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm under the tent.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1800 hrs. Next meeting October 18, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk