

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

June 17, 2015

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Attendance: J. Miranda, R. Cable, D. Buchanan, T. Pajonas

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm. Commissioner Pajonas motioned to accept the April 2015 minutes. Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report.

Chief Waugh presented the incident report. Year-to-date, 5 to 6 volunteer firefighters may be eligible for the full \$1,000 tax abatement. Six new volunteers passed Fire 1. The chief is waiting to hear the results from the written tests. He is concerned about volunteer recruitment and retention. He learned that Weston provides 70% of the cost of health insurance and other towns are establishing pensions for volunteer firefighters. Current drills are mostly related to water and water supply. The State provided the Department with six UASI radios that use 700 MHz frequency. These radios worked well while providing mutual aid to Weston. Chief Waugh expressed concern about Engine 3. Batteries and clamps for the power steering will need to be replaced. He was in contact with Ed Nagy about trimming trees in certain areas of Easton as this causes sight and safety issues. He has not yet received a response. He may request that the Police Department puts up a no parking sign near the dry hydrant located by the Connecticut Golf Course.

Commissioner Buchanan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Commissioner Pajonas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary