

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

November 18, 2015

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

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report. He also mentioned the ongoing investigation on the fire at Center Road.

Chief Waugh provided the incident report. He discussed the situation with the UASI radios; we have five. Communications using the radios works well for mutual aid, but does not work well in the dispatch room. He is researching setting us a new base radio. The cost would be approximately \$20,000, and he would apply for a LOCEF grant. However, annual maintenance of the programming could become expensive. He will continue researching the situation and will provide more information at the next meeting. The Department bought \$6,000 uncoupled 5-inch hose to replace hose beyond ten years old through a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection. NFTA pronouncements state that air packs should be replaced every 20 years. Our air packs are tested every year and work fine. The cost to the Department to replace the air packs would be approximately \$65,000, and Chief Waugh considered this to be unacceptable. Chief Waugh will monitor future pronouncements and suggest that the NFTA change its position on replacing the air packs. Engine 3 is having problems with uneven tire wear. Pierce was contacted. The Department will continue to monitor the situation. The Chief mentioned the Monday evening classes that are offered to firefighters. The dry hydrant on Visa is being worked on, and the dry hydrant on Jamestown is next on the list. Chief Waugh presented seven questions relating to the insurance provided to the Department through the town of Easton. He asked for responses to these questions. Insurance will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Cable motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Commissioner Pajonas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary