

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

February 17, 2016

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

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

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

Chief Waugh presented the incident report. There were 54 incidents, 22 incident types, 32 persons responding, and 126.35 man-hours expended. He said that pipes froze because of the extreme cold weather in February. In particular, Staples had a problem with their pipes and sprinkler system. This has happened multiple times because of poor insulation. Upcoming drills include a cold-water rescue drill on Monday evening. Chief Waugh mentioned the memo from Wendy Bowditch sent to Department Heads regarding closing unspent capital accounts and returning the money to the General Fund. He had a meeting with Ms. Bowditch about this and, as a result, the money in the capital account that will be used to buy a new engine will be preserved. Commissioner Pajonas moved to go into Executive Session at 8:02 pm. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Commission came out of Executive session at 8:12 pm. Chief Waugh presented the proposed Fire Department budget for FY 2016 – 2017. Significant changes include a 19% increase in the volunteer stipend (which amounts to an increase of \$1,250) and an increase in maintenance and repair of 4% (which amounts to \$1,000). The capital budget remains the same. Commissioner Cable motioned to approve the budget. Commissioner Miranda seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Buchanan signed the budget.

Marshal Neary presented the proposed Fire Marshall's budget for FY 2016 – 2017. The only change was an increase in education of 9% (or \$100). Commissioner Cable motioned to approve the budget. Commissioner Miranda seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Buchanan signed the budget.

Commissioner Miranda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary