

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

April 19, 2017

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Attendance: D. Buchanan, R. Cable, D. Katz, J. Miranda

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Commissioner Miranda motioned to approve the January minutes. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh distributed and discussed the incident report. There were 49 incidents and 28 different types of incidents. The participation of volunteers is slightly below last year because most of the calls in March were in the day. Overtime was approximately \$14,000 over budget. However, CIRMA will reimburse the Department for a certain amount of overtime. The operating budget is still in the black. The Chief discussed the potential purchases for new gear. He is leaning towards Globe and possibly piggyback purchases with the Fairfield Fire Department. The Engine 4 Committee continues to meet. Different vendors will be meeting with the Committee: Seagrave on May 4, Gowans-Knight on May 23, E-1 on June 15, Pierce on June 28 and Sutphen on July 6. There will be an open house on Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Advertising is statewide. Last year, the Department recruited a volunteer. There were several brush fires this month.

Marshal Neary distributed and discussed the Fire Marshal's report. In March, there were 8 burning permits issued and fire code follow-up inspections at Helen Keller Middle School and the Park and Recreation building. Public education included the ECC Play Tots 9 Training Classes and there was a fire investigation at 93 Staples Road. Also, among other things, Fire Marshal Neary took an online class to recertify as the State Certified Open Burning Official and Deputy Fire Marshal Crossman attended a CFMA training seminar.

Commissioner Buchanan mentioned the Department met with the Board of Finance and \$6,500 was taken out of the Department's 2017-2018 budget.

Commissioner Buchanan motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:12 pm. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

Commissioner Buchanan will write a letter to the First Selectman insisting that the Commission be represented and included in the current contract negotiations.

Commissioner Cable motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Commissioner Katz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary