

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

June 21, 2017

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

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Commissioner Buchanan motioned to approve the May minutes. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marshal Neary discussed the Fire Marshal's report. Among other things, there were 9 permits issued, the ECC applied and passed regulations for summer camp, and there was a kitchen fire at the Blue Bird Inn. Lucy finished her school programs for the year, familiarizing Easton students about fire safety. Lucy has done excellent work; her programs are well known amongst the firefighters in other communities. The Commission would like to recognize her accomplishments with a plaque and special ceremony in September.

Chief Waugh discussed the incident report. There were 40 incidents. Calls and participation are lighter than usual. Rob Klem passed Fire 1. Two other new volunteer firefighters are on probation. The Chief hopes to recruit several high school volunteers in the fall. The Chief has been in touch with town hall regarding overages in the budget. The budget is over in maintenance, but he may have some offsets. Also the salary account is over, but he and the town are investigating the numbers. The Chief said the Department would need an appropriation, but not as much as he originally thought. This request would not have to go to a town meeting. The Chief continues to be concerned about the lack of tree trimming in town. One tree fell across Route 58 by the Apple Barn and a second one fell on a house on Deerfield Road. The Engine 4 Committee continues to meet. They most recently met with E-1. The Chief was concerned about the location of E-1's repair facilities. However, this vendor is still in the running. The cost for the new engine would be approximately \$600,000. The Chief is concerned about a new opioid, carfentanil. He would like the Department to attend classes about this narcotic and how to neutralize it. The Chief listed future training exercises. The carnival will be held in August.

Commissioner Buchanan expressed his concern about active shooting response requirements. He said the issues relate to training in a hostile environment, purchase of new equipment and contract implications. The Chief discussed his attendance at two training sessions. Commissioner Buchanan suggested a joint meeting between the Police and Fire Departments to increase communication and transparency in potential active shooting situations. Chief Waugh said the Department has been proactive with training, but will continue to work with the Police and EMS Departments on this issue.

Commissioner Katz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary