

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

March 28, 2019

*Filed subject to approval*

Attendance: D. Buchanan, R. Cable, J. Yeotsas

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh, G. Francaffini, J. Wright

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm

The Commissioners reviewed the December 2018 and January 2019 minutes. Commissioner Yeotas moved to approve the December minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Yeotas moved to approve the January minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report. There were 14 permits, 44 permits issued to date. Among other things, Marshal Neary raised concerns about the migrant worker housing. He signed several temporary liquor permits.

Chief Waugh said the Department participated in two automobile extractions over the past few weeks. He recognized firefighter Sabia for his life saving efforts in saving a woman's life who was involved in a head on collision. The Department helped find a senior citizen separated from his family in Trout Brook. Engine 4 has gone out to bid. Generic specs were provided to vendors and the bids will remain open until April 15. Vendors included Pierce, Gowans-Knight, Marion, Midwest, Seagrave and E-ONE. Chief Waugh, recognizing budget pressures, reached out to the Commission on Fire Protection and Control in Windsor Locks about NFPA standards for fire equipment replacement. He would like some flexibility to use some equipment beyond its stated tenured time. He will continue researching this issue. Chief Waugh said the Department will be called back to the BOF for an additional cut session. Commissioner Buchanan asked how the Department was doing with respect to the current budget. Chief Waugh responded that, so far, there have not been any unusual expenditures.

Commissioner Buchanan encouraged all Commissioners to attend a June 4 meeting called by the Easton BOF about public safety and long range planning. Fire, Police and EMS commissioners, among others, are invited to attend this meeting.

Commissioner Cable motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Commissioner Yeotsas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary