

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

December 18, 2019

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

Also in attendance: S. Waugh, P. Neary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Katz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh presented the Incident report. Calls to date are in the average range. He expects the Department budget to be over this month by \$5K to \$10K due to increased maintenance expenditures. He has spoken to town hall about this situation. There is some extra money in fuel. Going forward, he expects spending to be a little tight. The Chief is working with town hall on abatement issues. He plans to be at the 1/3 Selectmen's meeting. Easton along with Fairfield are being proactive with the new EMT recertification process. Instructors will be brought in from outside to maintain a quality program. The Chief provided an Engine 4 update. He discussed the status of the new Engine 4. He spoke to Marion and was told they will have the chassis in January. The Department is looking towards a May delivery date. He has been in contact with NORCOM regarding radios for the Engine. There was a discussion of the new communications system in Trumbull. Commissioner Buchanan said the consultant should be asked to research and make recommendations about radios and town communications. The Chief discussed the need for new hires within the next several years as some career firefighters may be retiring. He proposed the Department considers joining the Consortium as Fairfield will do the testing and will provide a data base of candidates. Commissioner Katz moved to join the Consortium. Commissioner Miranda seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Buchanan signed the agreement. Chief Waugh will be the designated contact.

Commissioner Buchanan moved to go into Executive session at 8:35 pm. Commissioner Cable seconded. The Commission came out of Executive session at 8:50 pm. Commissioner Buchanan talked about plans for the future which included hiring a consultant who would make recommendations about radio communications and ISO ratings.

Marshal Neary had nothing to report.

Commissioner Katz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Commissioner Yeotsas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary