

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 21st, 2022
Filed subject to approval**

*Attendance: D. Buchanan, D. Katz, J. Miranda, R. Cable, J. Yeotsas
Also in attendance: P Neary, R. Klem*

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm. Commissioner Buchanan moved to approve the June 2022 minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded. Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.

Chief Klem gave his report.

- There were 43 incidents in June, 40 incidents in July and 46 in August, projecting approximately 500 calls annually which is normal.
- The Barn in the training field adjacent to the Firehouse is almost completed. It will house fire equipment and materials for Carnival.
- The current budget is on track with anticipated spending and expenses.
- Engine 1 is due to be replaced within a few years. Given the dramatically increased cost of an engine and the expanded lead times for delivery, Chief Klem suggested recommending to the Town we order the engine sooner rather than waiting the two years.
- The Chief has still not heard back about the possible grant for the SCBA replacement, but it appears we may hear in October. In case the EFD does not get the grant, the town has allocated \$180,000 to replace the tanks so the Chief recommended we begin the process in the October/November time frame as there is an 8–12-week delivery time for the tanks.
- The Chief met with the First Selectman regarding the Easton Village Store soil contamination issue. The wells used by the EFD have been tested twice with no contamination evident in the tests. There is a well in the middle of the Green with water that is not drinkable, but it is not used.
- Given the high cost to mitigate the dry hydrants in the northern part of town, the Chief might recommend the town purchase a tanker in place of the dry hydrant repair costs.
- There are six new EVFD members on probation.

The Fire Marshall gave his report (attached). Because of the recent rainfall there is no prohibition on burning.

There was no new business to discuss.

Commissioner Katz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Commissioner Cable seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner David Katz, Secretary

**Easton Fire Marshal
Monthly Report-August-2022**

Burning Permits: Zero, 93 Year to date (no permits issued during high fire danger)

Fire Incidents: Incident# 220325-145 Far Horizons Dr-Structure

Incident# 220328-21 Morning Glory Dr-Structure

Public Education: None

Inspections: Letter to property owner 440 Sport Hill Rd

Christ Church Nursery School
444 Sport Hill Road-Follow Gasoline Tank removal

EFD Carnival Ride and Tent Inspection w/Ct. State Fire Marshal

Press Release stopping Open Burning During High Fire Danger

Other: Fire Report Request 296 Westport Rd-Car

Respectively submitted:

Peter G. Neary

Peter G. Neary, Fire Marshal