

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023

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

Also in attendance: P. Neary, R. Klem

Public in attendance: Al Doty

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm. Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the December 21, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

Chief Klem gave his report. He indicated that there were 45 incidents in December, 2022 and the total for the year was in the normal total and distribution of types. The training recently included a drill at the Fairfield Training School, and a well-attended drill on the new air packs, which have been placed in service. The Fire I course is underway, and the Chief pointed out that the Volunteer Fire Company, at considerable expense, had updated the training room with updated electronic training equipment and other changes. The Consultant report draft was presented to the Board of Finance and the Selectman at the joint meeting. A discussion of significant items in the report followed. The Budget expenditures to date are consistent with expectations. The expense for the recently ordered replacement compressor for air pack refilling will be covered from available grant money. The old compressor has been repaired to a point it can limp along until the new one arrives. Chief Klem had to leave the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Fire Marshal Neary reported that the structure fire investigations are complete to date, and closed. Inspections are up to date and solutions to deficiencies noted are proceeding satisfactorily. The Open Burning program is functioning well as it is structured.

A discussion of the planning for ISO preparation followed, as this issue is finally coming into focus at the Selectman and Board of Finance level as a result of the recent report from the Consultant report. The previous discussion on ISO during the Chief's report the Chief indicated that the Chiefs were trying to meet with an ISO representative. The Commission agreed that we needed to be more active with ISO matter, and it was moved by Commissioner Miranda and seconded that Commission Chair and, if possible one

other Commissioner, should attend a first meeting with an ISO representative that was in the process of being scheduled. The motion passed unanimously.

FF Doty, who was also attending the meeting, wished to address the Commission. He was concerned about the Air Packs being placed in service so soon after receipt. He felt more training was necessary and that the required masks for Career Firefighters were not yet provided. Also, he indicated the RIT equipment needed additional adaptors in order to work with the new air packs. The Board would look into the matter.

The Board entered the executive session. During this session, it was moved and seconded that: "The Chairman will examine the manner of placing the air packs in service, and insure that there being in service is appropriate and should remain so." That motion unanimously passed.

After ending the executive session, a motion to end the meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted

David Buchanan, Chairman