

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
*Filed subject to approval***

*Attendance: D. Buchanan, D. Katz, J. Miranda, J. Yeotsas  
Also in attendance: P. Neary  
Public in attendance: A. Doty*

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm. Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the January 2022 minutes. Commissioner Yeotsas seconded. Minutes approved with one change. Commissioner Yeotsas was not in attendance at the January 2023 meeting.

The Fire Marshall gave his report (attached). We reviewed the Fire Marshall proposed FY 2023-2024 budget. The Commission requested the Fire Marshall provide details for Material and Supplies for years 2018-2021 for reference. Overall, a modest increase of 1.46% is proposed pending further discussion.

Chief Klem was not in attendance and thus there was no Chief report given to the Commissioners. Chairman Buchanan reviewed the Fire Incident Report for January 2023. There were 35 total incidents in January, 37% of which were EMS and vehicle related calls.

The commission discussed the ISO rating situation, particularly regarding the north end of town (approximately impacting 1,500 households). The discussion was on how the ISO ratings affect homeowner insurance in the north end of town and how can we change the ISO ratings to help reduce homeowners' insurance in that part of town.

The Commission reviewed the status of the Breathing Apparatus replacement. Both career and EVFD personnel were trained in using the new apparatus. Training material and literature are available if additional information is needed.

Commissioner Buchanan shared a draft of the Board of Fire Commissioners 2021-2022 Annual Report. Commissioners were asked to read, review, and submit any comments back directly to Commissioner Buchanan.

The Commission entered executive session at 9:01pm and came out of executive session at 9:28pm. No motions were decided during the session.

There was no new business to discuss.

Commissioner Katz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Commissioner Miranda seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Commissioner David Katz, Secretary

**Easton Fire Marshal  
Monthly Report  
January 2023**

Burning Permits: 34 permits, 34 permits year to date

Blasting Permits: None

Fire Investigations: 230019-22 Mills Lane, Structure Fire

Public Fire Education: Holiday Social Media Announcement

Fire Code: Maple Row Farm

Fire Report Request: None

Other: Blasting complaint /questions from a neighbor on Ridgedale Rd

Planning and Zoning Subdivision Comments-Far Horizons Dr

Underground Storage Tank Record, 239 Judd Road

Attend Public Safety Zoom Meeting, Rollout Easton Public Consultants Report

Respectively submitted:

Peter G. Neary

Peter Neary, Fire Marshal