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Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes February 21st, 2024 Filed subject to approval.

Attendance: D. Buchanan, D. Katz, J. Miranda, J. Yeotsas

Also in attendance: Fire Marshall P. Neary

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm. Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the January 17th, 2024, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, Minutes approved with minor changes.

Chief Klem did not give his report because he was absent from the meeting. The Commissioners requested that in the future if the Chief cannot attend a meeting, he sends a replacement in his absence to report on the Department to the Commissioners.

The Fire Marshall gave his report. Please see attached. The Fire Marshall discussed his succession plan. On July 1st he will become the Deputy Fire Marshall and Deputy Fire Marshall Schuyler Sherwood will become the Fire Marshall.

The Commissioners reviewed the Fire Marshal's 2024-2025 budget request. It was approved.

There was no update on new radios for the department.

The new air compressor is due in the next two weeks.

The specifications for the Engine 1 replacement are being finalized.

The Commissioners reviewed the consultant's report from 1/1/2023, "Comprehensive Fire and EMS System Analysis." There are several observations and recommendations in the report the Commissioners would like addressed by the Department. Chairman Katz agreed to summarize the Board's comments for review and discussion with Chief Klem at the next commission meeting. The recommendations in the report suggest improvement of department operations and increasing the town's ISO rating which can reduce many homeowners' insurance rates in the north end of town.

Commissioner Katz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. It was seconded by Commissioner Buchanan and approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Commissioner David Katz, Secretary

Easton Fire Marshal

Monthly Report

January 2024

Burning Permits: 26 permits, 26 permits year to date

Blasting Permits: None

Fire Investigations: None

Public & FM Education: - None

Fire Code: Black Rock Congregational Church -Renovation Reinspection

Pricilla's Place Day Care Reinspection

Report Request: - None

Peter Neary participated in online Town of Easton Ethics

Other: Training

2024/2025 Budget Preparation

Blasting Damage Compliant Far Horizons Drive

Respectively submitted:

Peter G. Neary

Peter Neary, Fire Marshal