

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
February 17, 2021  
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Attendance: D. Buchanan, R. Cable, J. Miranda, J. Yeotas  
Also in attendance: S. Waugh, P. Neary, R. Klem, Janelle Erickson

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm. Commissioner Buchanan moved to approve the January minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh discussed the disposal of old engine 4. So far, there's been no movement, and he may have to reduce the asking price. Chief Waugh reviewed the incident report. There was a total of 41 calls, with approximately 35% being medical. Almost everyone in the Department had their first, and in some cases, second COVID vaccines. The Department will be starting in-person training. A pump class will be held in Easton in March. The Chief doesn't have an update regarding the town consultant. The abatement ordinance will be discussed at the town meeting. The current budget is mostly in good shape. The Department is only tight with materials and supplies. The Chief met with the Selectman regarding next year's budget and will be increasing materials and supplies \$500 and the Chief's stipend by \$1,000 so the new budget will be \$1,500 higher than presented at the last Commission meeting. Commissioner Buchanan motioned to allow him to sign off on the budget with the new modifications. Commissioner Miranda seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Marshal Neary discussed his report. There were 40 burn permits and no fires. He met with the First Selectman and the new budget as presented in the January meeting was approved.

The Chief presented in discussed the rural water supply update. He presented a proposal showing that seven dry hydrants are need of repair at a cost of \$75,000. There may be grant money, so the actual cost may be \$4,500 less. He asked the Commissioners to support the dry hydrant project. He addressed the concern that the hydrants mostly benefit the north end residents, stating that the town does many things that benefit only specific residents. This would be a one-time cost of \$27 to households to help improve public safety. Commissioner Yeotas expressed concern that south end residents are subject to a fire district tax which north end residents do not pay. Commissioner Buchanan motioned to proceed with the dry hydrant project. No one seconded. The motion was tabled.

The Commission went into Executive session at 9:02 pm. The Commission came out of Executive session at 9:37 pm. Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. Commissioner Cable seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary

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