

***Wareham Fire District
Prudential Committee
August 6, 2020***

Minutes

5:42 PM

Members: George Barrett (Chair), Dean Decas (Clerk), Ron Enos, Rick England

Non-Members: Wendy Lemieux, Chief Rowley, Andy Reid

5:42 PM ***Meeting called to order*** (Ron)

- Ron asked if anyone was recording. *No*

5:44 PM ***Correspondence***

5:45 PM ***Dean Decas arrived***

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- Motion to approve P/O for filters and adaptors purchase from Industrial Protection Services, Inc. (\$5,500) (\$5,000 from Covid AFG Grant)
Motion to approve Rick, second John (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for protective clothing from Northeast Rescue Systems (\$13,990)
Motion to approve Rick, second John (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for 2 Chlorine analyzers from William Partners, LTD dba Sullivan Associates (\$5,121.55)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (4-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for License renewal from New Era Technology (\$8,805) Motion to approve Rick, second John (4-0-0) To be split with Water, Fire and Clerk

5:49 PM ***George Barrett arrived***

- Motion to approve P/O for Tank inspections from Haley and Ward/CES, Inc. (\$9,100)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for Meters and ERC Touch Pad from EJP (\$14,278)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for Wetland Baseline monitoring well #9 from Callahan Consulting, Inc. (\$20,600)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for Rapid report services from New Era Technology (\$9,900)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for Wetland Baseline vegetation monitoring well #9 from Oxbow Associates, Inc. (\$8,800)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for Replacement ATS for well #8 from South Shore Generator Service, Inc. (\$3,774.80)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)
- Motion to approve P/O for Stainless Steel sanitary seal from Maher Services(\$5,500)
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)

6:03 PM ***Clerk's Report***

- John Connolly sworn in
- Discussion on freedom of information act regarding Water Department meter readings.
- Transfer \$75,000 from reserve fund to Fire Department overtime
Motion to approve Ron, second Rick (5-0-0)
- Rob Lynch engagement letter for audit
- 155 boxes of paperwork to be shredded. Ok'd by Secretary of State
- Discussion on contracts that are expiring
- Discussion on by-law review committee

6:18 PM ***Chief's Report*** (see attached)

6:28 PM ***Superintendent's Report***

- Discussion regarding the startup of the new water purification plant
- Discussion on possible COVID S.O.P.'s

6:43 PM ***Motion to adjourn***

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Vote:

Ron: Yes
Rick: Yes
Dean: Yes
George: Yes

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Vote Date:	9/21/20
Approve	4
Disapprove	0
Abstain	1

Chairman Steve J. Buntz
Clerk Wendy Wiggins

Chief's Report for August 6th, 2020

Monday, July 27th

- Notified by Claire Smith of the intent for the Public Safety Complex Committee to come to the Fire District with they're intentions of having the Fire Department included with their plans. I was invited to go tour the new Scituate Facility on Wednesday, August 12th, which I accepted.
 - Points of discussion:
 - The Minot Avenue Property is being pushed
 - Response into the by-pass will be a nightmare, no place to put traffic.
 - The sewer plant will also be putting a facility in for grey water on same sight, can't imagine there would be any smell -?
 - A rotary is also being proposed for Minot, Depot, Onset Ave and Great Neck Road, adding even more response issues
 - Money for this new complex will probably run the District to around 20 million, based on needs.
 - Call back personnel will have to travel completely across town, another response issue.
 - Highway access will be an issue with Maple Springs being our closest point, Glen Charlie is not in play, next turn around is in Plymouth and again navigating the by-pass.
 - I want to keep my mind open, but they need to look at another sight.
 - Our Stations our in the right locations based on the 1996 Study and still our least expensive option for new construction and renovation.
- Carl Baker was notified to close up the dispatch A/C hole in the wall once the new mini-split is installed.

Tuesday, July 28th

- FEMA sent out a new directive for our re-imburement project and has been reviewed, a bit more extensive than before.
- Our re-imburement application will be for \$155,300
- Meeting was held at OFD for planning on the arrival of the Mayflower II at the MMA on Saturday, August 8th. Marine 4 has been detailed to assist the Harbor Master.

Thursday, July 30th

- Zoom conference call with Mass DEP regarding a proposed exercise for an oil spill response in the fall. It will be held in Marion on Thursday, October 22nd.
- A.D. Makepeace Harvest Triathlon was cancelled. (supposed to be held on August 29th)
- Respirators and filters were ordered for the AFG-S grant, backlogged several months.

Monday, August 3rd

- Town Conference Call regarding the incoming Tropical Storm, no additional preparations were implemented based on updated information.

Tuesday, August 4th

- Started work on the FEMA reimbursement application
- Tropical Storm Isia's landed around 5pm and exited before 7pm. Responded to multiple power line down issues and trees on wires.

Wednesday, August 5th

- Zoom meeting with Plymouth County Chief's Association, there was much conversation regarding the "Thin Blue Line" flag controversy that started in Hingham and how its affecting fire departments. FCAM will be putting out a letter shortly. They will be backing the intent of the thin blue line flag but not its display on fire apparatus.
 - Points of Discussion:
 - U.S. Flag etiquette – no U.S. flag is to be flown on a vehicle unless it is secured to chassis or to the right front fender. The U.S. flag must not touch any of the vehicle or ground.
 - Commonwealth of Massachusetts Flag Etiquette states that the only flags to be flown on government owned property are the U.S Flag, State Flag and Flags of Veterans from Foreign Wars, I.E. the P.O.W./M.I.A. Flag.
 - State Ethics Commission ruling found that no person in the uniform service of the commonwealth shall engage in political activity while in uniform nor display any political agenda on government owned property. I.E. Union stickers on the Fire Truck, Unauthorized Flags.
- Town advised that there is confirmed EEE in Wareham.
- All night time outside training was cancelled until mosquito season was over.

Thursday, August 6th

- Announcement was put out for posting on Facebook and also the Districts website of the Fire District obtaining an ISO rating of a 2.
- Zoom conference with FEMA regarding the other pending grants, AFG, SAFER and Fire Prevention. We are still in the hunt and have not been turned down yet on any of them. Deadline will be September 18th for all grant notifications.
- Ocean State Job lot donated to Wareham Fire 1600 KN95 masks, 3000 surgical masks, 20 gallons of hand sanitizer, 10 face shields and 15 infrared thermometers.