

Chester Board of Fire Commissioners
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The Chester Board of Fire Commissioners held the rescheduled regular meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 at the Fire House, 6 High Street. In attendance were Bob Bandzes, Bob Quale, Bettie Perreault and Rick Schreiber. Ex-officio members attending were First Selectman Charlene Janecek, Fire Chief James Grzybowski, and Fire Marshal Dick Leighton.

Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Perreault called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. followed by self-introductions of those present. The meeting agenda was abbreviated to allow Commissioners to participate with members of the Chester Hose Company in the annual holiday party.

Item 2: Audience of Citizens – there was no audience of citizens.

Item 3. Report of Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Charlene Janecek reported there were no problems that arose during the recent snow event and that the Public Works personnel had handled everything well.

Item 4. Report of Fire Chief

Chief Grzybowski reported 61 calls responded to for November and that for the year, the total calls from January through November were 736. Activity levels continue to exceed those of previous years. Recent action by State authorities returned funding for calls for which highway transportation is required. The Department will be accompanying Santa when he visits Chester on Sunday, the 18th, after visiting families with holiday gifts for children. The order for Scott packs has been placed now that FEMA compliance has been ensured. Commissioners, officials and Department personnel joined the Fire Department's annual Holiday Drill Party for dinner immediately following the meeting

Item 5: Report of Fire Marshal:

Fire Marshal Leighton distributed the activity report for November, advising the month had been a relatively "routine month", although there had been a significant number of Building Official activities. Renewal of liquor licenses are being processed this month, as COVID-related renewals expire. Pass codes for two facilities have been updated to ensure security in responses to calls.

Item 6: Report of Resident State Trooper

There was no one present to provide a report.

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Item 7: Financial Reports

Chief Grzybowski advised the Department's budget is "pretty much on target", with 50.34% expenditures to date. Income from ambulance calls is above expectations, with the new personnel providing coverage for more calls.

Fire Marshal Leighton reported the budget is still good, and that required Code books would be purchased early in the New Year.

Item 8. Old Business: There was none.

Item 9. Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2022, 2022 Meeting.

On motions by Bob Quale, seconded by Bob Bandzes, the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting were approved. Rick Schreiber abstained.

Item 10. Reports: There was nothing to report at this time.

Item 11. New Business: After brief discussion, members agreed that Commissioners' meetings scheduled during 2023 would be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Fire House.

Item 13. Correspondence: None received.

Item 14. Adjournment: there being no further business brought up,

Motion by Rick Schreiber, seconded by Bob Quale, to adjourn at 6:14 P.M. was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettie Perreault, Chair