

BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
May 31, 2016

The Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 0830 hours in the Chief's office with Commissioners Perkinson, McLaughlin, and Sheehey present. Also present were Chief S. Locke, Deputy Chief A. Collette, and Administrative Assistant M. Sweeney.

Meeting End Time

Meeting end time set for 0900 hours by motion of Commissioner McLaughlin and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Commissioner McLaughlin made a motion to accept minutes from April meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Sheehey. Minutes submitted.

Chief's Oral Report

- Different vehicles in the fleet are continuously out of service. South Burlington is currently lending us an engine to be in service as Engine 1.
- Chief Locke was impressed with how well the marathon went and seeing the staff at work making it happen.
- The department has been working with Vermont Tech College to plan for 3 members to go to their program every year for the next three years. The City's CAO is developing a plan for funding. The plan is to have 15 medics at the end of three years.
- The department has had numerous multiple alarm fires since the last meeting. Commissioners do receive the press release via email and would like that to continue for informational purposes.
- Leddy Park parking lot is getting fixed for the department to use for a training site. Command Staff is also in the beginning stages of discussing using space at the McNeil plant for a future training site.
- Previously the Commission had asked what the department is doing for marketing. Chief Locke updated that the department has been using social media heavily. There has been a decrease in applications for the fire service across the state.
- Two candidates have received conditional offers for a start date in September. These will fill the current opening as well as one anticipated vacancy.

Old or New Business

- Commissioner McLaughlin asked about an update from the Chief's presentation for regional dispatching at the regional dispatch meeting. Chief Locke said there was definite interest from them.
- Multiple alarm fires have a new system for callbacks. The intention is to get more members on multiple alarm fires that are close for response. They will also utilize the spare rescues for medical calls instead of calling in outside departments.
- Chief Locke is waiting for the City's budget to pass to know if he can start planning for vehicle replacements.
- Commissioner Perkinson let the Commission know that when they went for the presentation to City Council from the Commissioners he reiterated the need for a marina unit.

Open Session

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjured with no objections by acclamation from Commissioner Perkinson at 09:08.