

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
July 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting will come to order at 1704 and will be recorded. We will begin our meeting with public comment. If you wish to provide public comment, please raise your hand, and wait to be called on by the chair. Speakers should identify themselves when called on to speak. Each speaker may have a minimum of three minutes. To be complaint with the Open Meeting Law, the board may choose not to engage in discussion on a particular comment but may wish to include the topic on a future agenda. The Board of Fire Commissioners strives to maintain an orderly and peaceable public meeting environment.

Fire Commissioners Macallister, Coombs, and Brown were in attendance along with Chief Hill, Deputy Rogers and N. Kennedy.

Roll call was taken. Questions or comments on last month's meeting minutes? Seeing none, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2026, meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Centennial Ceremony was held on July 11th and was well attended by personnel, families, and the public. We have heard that the event was well received. We have reached out to the Town of Barnstable Channel 18 to obtain a copy of the video of the ceremony.

PERSONNEL

S. Lehane's last day will be August 7th. A farewell coffee will be held at Station 1 from 10:00-12:00. **Chief Hill – Shawns last official day on the books will be August 9th.**

T. DeGraan started in Fire Prevention July 1st.

N. Robbins completed his 1-year probationary period on July 7th.

O. Murphy has completed his training and is now floor strength.

Chief Hill – Zip Trip will also be at Craigville Beach on August 7th and COMM is being featured.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. Resale/Transfer inspections were down for the month.

FPO Booth attended the June FPAM meeting, which was held in Auburn. The topic was Fireworks details and regulations. **Chief Hill – Permitted fireworks were held at Oyster Harbors.**

Fire Prevention conducted fire extinguisher training at the town landfill for their employees. The presentation covered how to identify, use and care for fire extinguishers along with the proper use for many types of fires to include lithium-ion batteries, trash and any normal class "A" fires. The training concluded with hands-on training using the department's flammable liquids pit using fire extinguishers. FPO Booth with the assistance of

Nicola and FPO DeGraan gave a class to a group of approx. 12 real estate agents on how to make a house ready for the resale inspection. The class covered all things that are required by code and what we look for and how to make sure the property is ready for inspection. **Chief Hill – the real estate class is well received as it helps educate agents.**

This past month a total of 91 permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$2,245 in permit fees. **Chief Hill – the Senior Safe program continues year-round.**

EMS

Coordinating with Stryker to train personnel on new LifePak 35 cardiac monitors. The sales representative will be at COMM July 27-30.

OEMS has made emergency changes to the statewide treatment protocols. Will be updating all personnel and adding medication to all ambulances.

Continuing to work with the sales representative from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles on spec for new ambulance purchase. Estimated delivery in early 2028.

DISPATCH

In the month of June, COMM handled 473 calls which is down 13 calls from June 2025 and up 127 for the year comparison.

A second set of phones were installed at both dispatch desks with recording capabilities and broadcast over station speakers.

Chief Hill – The Barnstable Fire Chiefs have a meeting with the new director of the RECC center in the coming weeks.

EQUIPMENT

A1 – Replaced both front drive tires. Changed engine oil and filter. Replaced air drier and cabin filter.

A2 – Forced parked regen. Changed engine oil and filter. Replaced both fuel filters. Adjusted compartment door latch.

A3 – Forced a parked regen. Changed engine oil and filter. Replaced both fuel filters. Ordered new box trim.

E1 – Met with Tirrell Radiator on repairing a/c in engine.

E2 – Replaced power steering box with the help of Scotts Repair. Ran pump and tested foam pump to find it not working, tightened hose in pump area. Recharged a/c.

E3 – Recharged a/c. Installed new piston on driver's step. Replaced drier and valve stems and recharged a/c. Ran diagnostics on foam pump to locate issue.

R1 – Had rear tires replaced at Cape Tire. Recharge a/c in cab. Replaced catch pan for back A/C condenser.

L1 – Replaced a/c catch pan in cab for roof evaporator. Added coolant and transmission fluid.

C4 – Had all tires replaced at Cape Tire. Whelen installed new light in the lightbar for Opticom.

C7 – Replaced engine oil and cabin filter.

M1 – Replaced fuel tank vent. Recalibrated tank gauge and GPS system.

B1 – Ordered new axle and hardware.

TRAINING

July's training focused on maintaining operational readiness during the peak summer response season while reinforcing firefighter safety, equipment proficiency, and operational decision-making. Training emphasized hands-on power tool operations, annual safety compliance, fireground case studies, and continued company-level skill development.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 1 is in service at the dock. There have been 63.25 hours of underway time, including 41.25 hours of coxswain operator hours logged this calendar year. The removal of Collier's Ledge and Southwest Rock began the second week of July. Boat 1 is out of service with a broken trailer axle.

Dive Team

The Dive Team trained in June at Hathaway's Pond. The topic was blacked out search for victims.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Installed new door signs on 2nd floor

Troubleshoot Plymovent connection

Cleaned landscape around stations.

Deputy Rogers – currently in the process of replacing the HVAC at station 2 waiting for approval.

Chairman Macallister – soon trees in the back of station 2 will need to be cut back.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet. Chief Hill – **currently 20 days into FY27.**

PLANNING

Chief Hill – the “in memory plaques” have been removed and would like to replace with a new plaque and would like the approval of the committee to use the gift account to purchase the plaque. The committee approved the request to use the gift account.

COMMITTEES

The hiring committee completed three days of interviews. They interviewed a total of eighteen (18) candidates.

Chief Hill – five conditional offers have been made and will be introducing each new hire at the August meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Program funds for FY25 have been disbursed to all participants. COMM received \$103,090.00 in funding.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1720. Next meeting is August 17, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Brown", written over a horizontal line.

Doug Brown, Clerk