

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
August 17, 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, N. Kennedy, and members of Local 2346.

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 July 20, 2026, meeting.

Introduction of new hires: J. Frisbee, J. Tura, S. Smith, B. Judge, and K. Sassone.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

S. Lehane's last day was August 9th. Shawn was with the department for 27 years.

R. DiPilato returned to duty from IOD injury on July 29th.

J. Medeiros has been out on IOD since February 26th, return date unknown at this time.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Oyster Harbors Independence Day fireworks occurred on July 3rd without any incident or issues. FPO Lehane, Booth and DeGraan were all present.

Fire Prevention continued this month with routine inspections both commercial and residential. Resale/Transfer inspections were down for the month. The "Senior Safe" campaign continued this month. Visits were down as they tend to be during peak summer months.

FPO's took part in the informal site plan meeting for the property at 981 Main St. Osterville formally Midway Gas Station and the new Oyster Harbor's golf clubhouse and cart storage.

We continue to be a part of the weekly traffic/road construction teams meetings held by DPW on Thursday mornings. **Chief Hill – another meeting on Wednesday with summer ending.**

This past month a total of 77 permits were issued by the Fire Prevention Office while collecting \$1,930 in permits and fees.

EMS

Training on the new Stryker LifePak 35 cardiac monitors with all groups is wrapping up. Awaiting new mounts for each ambulance to arrive and are installed before monitors are placed in service.

ProVu video laryngoscope training with all personnel is almost complete and will be placed into service.

A2 and A3 will travel to Greenwood Emergency Vehicles for recall work and repair a bank of emergency lights that are not working.

Continue to work with Cape Cod Healthcare on coordinating training and services previously handled by Cape and Islands EMS. **Chief Hill – moving forward we will be getting our medical needs through Cape Cod Healthcare which will be a cost savings to the district.**

DISPATCH

In the month of July, COMM handled 532 calls which is down 2 calls from July 2025 and up 125 for the year comparison. **Chief Hill – on pace to respond to over 5700 calls. Early talk regarding the Regional Dispatch Center with possible open date of fall 2030.**

EQUIPMENT

Forestry 1 is out of service. **Chief Hill – continues to be out of service. Plan to replace Forestry 1 and Forestry 2 in the near future.**

A3 – replaced officers side rub rail.

A5 – replaced air dryer filter, valve, and tank check valve.

L1 – replaced faulty switch and screws

E1 – Tirrell Radiator replaced compressor and dryer for a/c unit and recharged. Replaced rear side door latch lever.

B1 Trailer – replaced axel and hubs.

Install drain on air tank for compressor at station 1.

Organized surplus equipment for GovDeals auction. **Deputy Rogers – have sold \$2,500.00 in surplus equipment.**

TRAINING

August's training will focus on firefighter safety and emergency vehicle operations. Emphasis placed on safe emergency vehicle operations at intersections, SCBA emergency procedures, annual school familiarization, and equipment proficiency. Will also begin new hire orientation to begin next month. **Chief Hill – new hire orientation gets everyone involved in going over policies and procedures.**

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 1 is in service at the dock. There have been 72 hours of underway time, including 31.25 hours of coxswain operator hours logged this calendar year. The Collier's Ledge and Southwest Rock removed/reduction project is ongoing.

Dive Team

The Dive Team trained in July at Hamblin's Pond. The training focus was small item searches in blackout conditions. Two members, FFs Looney and White completed Basic Open Water training as part of their required diver certifications.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

No report available this month.

Deputy Rogers – HVAC is moving forward at Station 2 we are waiting for approval. Emergency service call was made for septic backing up at HQ. Will have septic checked yearly moving forward.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

PLANNING

Centennial Celebration was held Saturday, July 11th.

COMMITTEES

Chief Hill – Uniform committee will be meeting in September.

Deputy Rogers – All policies have been moved to Policy Builders.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fire Department Chaplain Judson Adams resigned. **Chief Hill to begin looking for a new Chaplain. Chief Hill – In the process of finding a new Chaplain and hoping to have someone in place for 9/11 event.**

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1729. Next meeting is September 21, 2026, at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk