

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
September 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting will come to order at 1700 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 Local 2346 President.

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 August 17, 2026, meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

Dominic Diauto has given his notice, his last day will be September 23rd. A job posting was posted and will start the interview process for Custodian/Maintenance Technician the week of September 28th. **Chief Hill – we received eight applications and we will be interviewing four individuals.**

FF James Craven, William Botelho, and Dispatcher Molly Larrivee have completed their one-year probationary periods. **Chief Hill – New hires have completed their 2-week orientation period.**

FIRE PREVENTION

FPO Shawn Lehane has retired after nearly three decades of service to our community. His positive steady presence will be missed; we wish him well in retirement. FPO Thomas DeGraan has settled into his new role successfully.

FPO DeGraan has enrolled in two classes with Massachusetts Fire Academy. The Fire & Life Safety Educator I/II class and Fire Prevention Officer Credential class.

Fire Prevention has continued with routine commercial and residential inspections. All public and private schools were inspected for upcoming school year.

We hosted story time at Centerville and Osterville Libraries. Also provided community outreach at West Villages Elementary NECC program for summer school students.

Fire Prevention Officers have been meeting in person with Town of Barnstable DPW to plan for sewer projects and road closures starting in September. **Chief Hill – FPO Booth attending weekly meetings and it is very important to keep everyone in the loop with all the roadwork happening in our district.**

A total of 65 permits were issued collecting \$1,660.00 in permits and fees.

EMS

All personnel have been trained on the new LifePak 35 cardiac monitor/ defibrillators. All will be in place by the end of the month.

New video laryngoscope equipment has been placed into service on each ambulance.

EMS Training has resumed after a busy summer.

Stryker will be at COMM HQ to perform preventative maintenance on all stretchers, load systems, stair chairs, LUCAS devices, AED's and cardiac monitors.

DISPATCH

In the month of August, COMM handled 537 calls which is up 29 calls from August 2025 and up 154 for the year comparison.

EQUIPMENT

Ambulance 1 – Replaced oil and fuel filters.

Ambulance 3 – Brought to Greenwood for recall on computer system.

Ambulance 4 – Repaired pillar trim and faulty air line to horns.

Engine 1 – Replaced faulty deck gun lock.

Engine 3 – Replaced exhaust cooler and performed maintenance.

Ladder 1 – Performed maintenance.

Service 1 – Replaced oil and filter.

Car 4 – Replaced oil and filter.

Marine 1 – Replaced temperature sensor on water pump.

TRAINING

August's training focused on roof operations and firefighter safety survival skills. Members reviewed roof operations and vertical ventilation in preparation for practical training utilizing the Barnstable County Fire Training Center mobile roof prop. Training also included annual respiratory protection requirements, entanglement and wall breach skill reviews, driver training, and a NIOSH line-of-duty death review. **Chief Hill – Lt. Miskiv put together the 2-week orientation for the new hires.**

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 1 is in service at the dock. There have been ten marine related incidents to date, and 122 hours of underway time logged this calendar year. The Collier's Ledge and Southwest Rock removed/reduction project is ongoing.

Dive Team

The Dive Team has responded to 16 activations to date. The team trained in August at Hamblin's Pond. The training focus was small item searches in blackout conditions. The team has accepted resignations from two tenders: Swartz and Sparrow, and welcomed a new diver, Sam Smith.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Station 1:

- Overhead doors repaired and serviced in bay one
- Landscape/gravelly work completed
- Administration carpets cleaned
- Second floor conference room upgrades completed
- New gear lockers ordered for additional firefighters
- Preliminary discussion on living quarters renovations
- Dispatch console upgrades complete

Deputy Rogers – The areas of focus to reconfigure will be the kitchen and locker rooms.

Chief Hill – Underground gas tanks received zero bids for engineering. It was also brought to our attention after an inspection that there are metal fragments found in the gas tanks. Will be filing an emergency waiver request.

Station 2:

- HVAC renovations have been approved and will begin soon
- Tree limbs on Fire Station Road have been pruned

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

PLANNING

Recognition Ceremony will be held Friday, October 23rd at 10:00 AM.

COMMITTEES

MISCELLANEOUS

Move the following Fire Commissioner meetings due to upcoming holidays to the following:

- January 18, 2027, to January 11, 2027
- February 15, 2027, to February 8, 2027

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1717. Next meeting is October 19, 2026, at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk