

Centerville-Osterville Marstons Mills Fire Department
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
October 19, 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, 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 September 21, 2026, meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONNEL

Christian Oakley has accepted the position for Maintenance Technician and will be starting on October 26th.

Justin Mederios to start work hardening program for his ankle injury in February.

FIRE PREVENTION

September was a busy month for education. Both FPOs along with Lt. Koretski attended the two-day Annual Fire & Life Safety Education Conference in Southbridge, MA.

FPO Booth and FPO DeGraan attended the September FPAM meeting and Cape and Islands Fire Prevention Association Meeting.

FPO Booth and DeGraan participated in Barnstable Community Safety Day at the Adult Community Center in Hyannis. They distributed fire safety information and encouraged residents of the district to enroll in the Senior Safe program.

The Annual SAFE grant application has been submitted to the Commonwealth. The grant is crucial for equipment and supplies for our Junior Firefighter and Senior Safe programs. The grants will be announced in late October.

A total of 77 permits were issued collecting \$2,205.00 in fees.

Chief Hill – First round of fire drills for the school and the Junior Firefighter program have begun.

EMS

Massachusetts OEMS annual ambulance service inspection was conducted on September 25th. All vehicles and related equipment are in excellent working order.

Stryker completed required annual preventative maintenance on stretchers, stair chairs, LUCAS, AED's, load systems. New LifePak-35 did not require PM as they are brand new.

EMS education continues through Prodigy LMS platform.

New LifePak 35 cardiac monitors have been in the field for approximately 3 weeks and have been used on dozens of patients with positive feedback.

DISPATCH

In the month of September, COMM handled 450 calls which is down 15 calls from September 2025 and up 154 for the year comparison.

Dispatcher Larrivee attended the annual APCO Conference in New Jersey.

EQUIPMENT

A1& A4 – Removed monitor mount and install new mount.

A2 & A3 – Removed monitor mount and install new mount. Removed shelf in outside compartment for gear relocation. Also, changed oil and filter in A2.

E2 – Oil change and filters, serviced generator. Brought to Woodward Spring to have rear springs replaced.

L1 – Rebuilt recirculation valve and front bumper valve. Replaced intake anodes and clear pressure valve gates in pump.

C4 – CMG installed new module, light, and wires for Opticom all under warranty.

Mobile Fire Apparatus Repair performed pump tests on all four engines and ladder.

TRAINING

October's training will focus on firefighter survival, ground ladder operations, and seasonal fire safety. Emphasis on hands-on training designed to reinforce firefighter rescue skills, equipment proficiency, and company-level coordination. Training will also include the annual chimney fire review and a fireground case study highlighting the importance of firefighter accountability and emergency procedures.

OPERATIONS

Marine Division

Marine 1 is in service at the dock. There have been twelve marine related incidents as of September 30th. Personnel have logged 182 hours of underway time this calendar year, including 126 hours of operator, and 55 hours of crewmember time.

Dive Team

The Dive Team has responded to 12 activations as of September 30th. The team trained in September at Hathaway's Pond. The training focus was gear familiarization and free diving. FFs White and Looney completed Basic Open Water, Advanced Open Water, and Dry Suit Diver certifications.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Station 2 HVAC replacement project has started, with an expected completion in late November.

Irrigation systems are off and winterized.

HQ AC Chiller has been winterized and is now in off mode.

Chief Hill – Fuel management project has been awarded to MECA.

BUDGET

See attached budget sheet.

PLANNING

Chief Hill – Department will be having the ISO rating done on November 10th. This has not been done in 10 years.

COMMITTEES

Barnstable High School Intern program has begun. The department has formed a committee of four members Capt. Scott, Lt. Riley, FF Anderson and FF White, who will oversee the program and have been participating in teaching some of the classes the interns have been taking at the high school before they start their internship at each department.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

- January 18, 2027, to January 25, 2027
- February 15, 2027, to February 22, 2027

Lieutenants' exam oral interviews to take place on November 10th. **Chief Hill – three members on the list will just be participating in the oral interviews as this is the last step of the exam.**

The December Think Tank meeting will be held on December 3rd. **Chief Hill – this gives members the opportunity to send in ideas on where we can improve as a department and the individuals who submitted ideas will give a brief presentation.**

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 1724. Next meeting is October 19, 2026, at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Brown, Clerk