



WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Chief John G. Kelley

Asst. Chief Patrick Haskell, 1st Asst. Engineer *PMH*

Asst. Chief Mark F. Rogers, 2nd Asst. Engineer *MFR*

DATE OF MEETING: 2/19/26

LOCATION: 271 Main St., Wareham

MEETING OPENED: 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:44 a.m.

Called to Order by: A/Chief Patrick Haskell

Roll Call: A/Chief Patrick Haskell, A/Chief Mark Rogers

Attendees: Capt. C. McIntosh, FFs M. Bennett, C. Barrasso, A. Estes, J. McIntosh, T. Crabb, T. Robidoux, T. Harrigan, Dispatch Spvrs. Geggatt, Mech. G. Barrett, Clerk/Treas. Lemieux, Ralph E. Braley, Robert Haskell, PruComm Chair Dean Decas, Wareham Week Reporter

Taking Notes: Office Mgr. Baker

CALL TO ORDER

Act/Chief Rogers called the meeting to order at 1001 hrs.

MINUTES

Act/Chief Rogers has Minutes from 1/15/26; A/C Rogers asked for a Motion to accept those Minutes, A/C Haskell Motioned to accept, 2nd by A/C Rogers, voted 2-0-0; Act/Chief Rogers has Minutes from 1/29/26, and asked for a Motion to accept, A/C Haskell Motioned to accept, 2nd by A/C Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Act/C Rogers has a letter, dated 2/17/26, from Office Mgr. Baker. This is a follow-up to her Retirement announcement letter, which was accepted at the BOE meeting on 1/29/26. Office Mgr. Baker updated her last day at work to 4/3/26. Act/Chief Rogers asked for a Motion to accept Karin's updated letter, A/Chief Haskell Motioned to accept the letter, 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Act/C Rogers states that he has received all equipment from RFF Nathan Giron. His resignation email was accepted at the BOE Meeting of 1/15/26. Act/Chief Rogers asked for a Motion to accept his resignation now that we have his pager, A/Chief Haskell Motioned to accept, 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

A review of several Lines and Articles in the proposed FY27 Budget began:

The Career O.T. Line needed to be increased from \$852,000 to \$920,000. We must fund for the man-for-man coverage that we'll be dealing with. Act/Chief Rogers asked for a Motion for favorable action, A/Chief Haskell Motioned in favor, 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

Memberships/Subscriptions – To be increased to \$6,500; Act/Chief Rogers asked for a Motion for favorable action, A/Chief Haskell Motioned in favor, 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

Telephones/Online – Increase funding to \$30,000, Act/Chief Rogers asked for a Motion for favorable action, A/Chief Haskell Motioned in favor, 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

Utilities – Reduce funding due to significant solar credits from the use of solar equipment. Reduce funding from \$42,000 to \$21,000, Act/Chief Rogers asked for a Motion for favorable action, A/Chief Haskell Motioned in favor, 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

There are no changes proposed to the PPE and SCBA Lines.

We have confirmation from the State that a Grant Application for a PPE Dryer is going forward. A/Chief Haskell thanked Capt. McIntosh for his help with the Grant.

Station Maintenance – We will increase this from \$100,000 to \$105,000, the PPE Dryer install will be funded here. A/Chief Haskell Motioned for favorable action on this, 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

F/A decommissioning – We rescinded the earlier request for funding. The work here will be done in stages, and DOT is disposing of all the old wire from the work at Gibbs Ave. to Cromesett Rd.

Act/Chief Rogers stated that the members of the Truck Committee will be going next week to Wisconsin to see the progress on the new Engine.

A/Chief Haskell has spoken to Motorola – they're aware of our deadline, now it's up to them. The money mentioned previously was just a placeholder.

A/Chief Haskell stated that the work at Bourne Hill won't happen overnight. We are at the mercy of those who will do the work.

NEW BUSINESS

Prudential Committee Chairman Dean Decas asked the Board about Purchase Orders for Chief Kelley's new vehicle. He asked why the Purchase Orders weren't signed by them, stating not doing so could cost the District more money. Act/Chief Rogers and A/Chief Haskell responded by saying that they thought Chief Kelley didn't follow dept. protocols that direct how purchases are processed and the steps to take during the process. They were not consulted when the Purchase Orders were created, there were no discussions held on the subject by the Board of Engineers. A/Chief Haskell stated that he was a "rule follower," and he didn't want to violate the process. Chairman Decas told them that it was the Prudential Committee that

directed Chief Kelley to go ahead and handle the ordering and purchase of his replacement vehicle. Chairman Decas said he was concerned about the delay resulting in more cost to the District. He asked if they would sign the Purchase Orders. The subject was dropped after Chairman Decas received no response.

Act/Chief Rogers reported that there was an Officer's meeting held last week. A PPE Dryer was discussed and the pursuit of a DFS Grant to purchase it.

A/Chief Haskell stated that the review of several General Orders has begun. The following list shows ones that were revoked:

To Revoke:

95-2	95-3 Notify Fire Chief	97-2 Smoking Regs.
97-5 Sta-3 Closing	97-6 Boat Ops	97-7 E.W. Post Office
97-9 Purchase Proced.	98-1 Call Force Response	98-4 S-7 Personnel
98-6 New Tel. Pagers	98-7 Addl Dayt Responses	98-10 T.Hatch New Pager
98-11 Ideas/Innovations	93-1 Not in Index	93-2 Not in Index
93-3 Not in Index	93-5 Not in Index	94-1 Not in Index
94-2 Not in Index	94-4 Not in Index	94-6 Not in Index
94-7 Not in Index	94-9 Not in Index	

A/C Haskell Motioned to revoke the listed General Orders, 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

FF Bennett asked if some of what was talked about today belonged at a PruComm meeting. Chairman Decas said that he didn't want to take a chance on violating any Open Meeting Laws.

Capt. McIntosh expressed gratitude for the DFS Grant for the Gear Dryer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Act/Chief Rogers stated again, that Karin is leaving us in a few weeks – she will be missed.

Chief Rogers reported that FF Evan Moretti and his wife have welcomed a baby boy recently.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bob Haskell inquired how did C-1's vehicle get totalled? A/C Haskell replied that an unsecured fire extinguisher went off inside the vehicle, causing corrosion throughout the interior. This affected the electronic components, radios, etc. causing the insurance company to call it a total loss.

ADJOURNMENT

A/C Haskell Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1044 hrs., 2nd by Act/Chief Rogers, voted 2-0-0.

Attachments: List of documents and other exhibits referenced
All documents and other exhibits referenced

cc: Stations 1,2,3, Mechanic, District Clerk