

WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 28, 2026

Meeting Called to Order: 1306 Hours

Executive Session: 1307–1328 Hours

Adjournment: 1350 Hours

Chief Haskell and Chief Rogers were identified as being in attendance. Other Fire District personnel and Human Resources representatives were present during portions of the meeting as reflected in the record.

OPEN SESSION

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the **May 7, 2026 Board of Engineers meeting**.

A motion was made to accept the May 7, 2026 meeting minutes **as printed**.

The motion was seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion Carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence dated **May 20, 2026**, from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services regarding Firefighter **Ryan Faye**.

The correspondence advised that Firefighter Faye had been selected by Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors as the recipient of the **Martin H. McNamara Award** as the outstanding student of Call/Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Training Class 125.

The Board recognized Firefighter Faye's academic and practical achievements and noted the significance of receiving the award.

Motion carried

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It was further noted that Firefighter Faye was the third member of the department over the years to receive the award.

A motion was made to accept the correspondence recognizing Firefighter Ryan Faye's receipt of the Martin H. McNamara Award.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Board congratulated Firefighter Faye on his achievement.

5. OLD BUSINESS

New Engine

The new engine remained in **Wisconsin undergoing repairs**.

The manufacturer authorized a representative of the department to travel to inspect the vehicle upon completion of repairs associated with damage sustained while the apparatus was being transported.

Squad 1

Squad 1 was reported back in service.

Station 3 Generator

The **Station 3 generator** remained out of service.

Gear Dryer

The gear dryer associated with the grant application had been ordered and the department was awaiting delivery.

No additional old business was presented.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Promotion of Recruit Firefighters

The Board discussed the successful completion of recruit training by seven department recruits.

It was noted that all seven recruits successfully completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy program and obtained **Firefighter I/II certification**, satisfying department requirements.

A motion was made to promote the seven recruits to the rank/status of **Call Firefighter**.

The motion was seconded.

The transcript identifies the recruits as including:

Ryan Faye

Benjamin McRae

Adriana Turner

Firefighter Jacobuccio

Tyler Boardman

Benjamin Militello

One additional recruit whose name was not clearly identifiable in the meeting transcript

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion Carried.

The seven recruits were promoted to Call Firefighter.

B. Resignation – Firefighter Andrew Sagood

The Board received and reviewed a written resignation from Call Firefighter **Andrew Sagood**, dated May 18, 2026.

Firefighter Sagood stated that family responsibilities, career obligations, and military commitments had affected his ability to maintain the required level of department attendance. He expressed appreciation for the opportunities, training, and experience received during his service with the department.

A motion was made to accept Firefighter Sagood's resignation, with written acknowledgment to follow and subject to the return of all department-issued gear and equipment.

The motion was seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion Carried.

C. Leave of Absence – Firefighter Hunter La Rochelle

The Board reviewed a request from Firefighter **Hunter La Rochelle** for a one-year leave of absence due to increased responsibilities associated with his full-time employment.

Firefighter La Rochelle indicated that he wished to maintain the opportunity to return to the department should his employment circumstances change.

A motion was made to approve a **one-year leave of absence**, effective **June 1, 2026 through June 1, 2027**, for personal reasons.

The motion was seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion Carried.

D. Retirement – Captain/Fire Alarm Superintendent Paul F. Reedy

The Board received correspondence from **Captain/Fire Alarm Superintendent Paul F. Reedy** requesting retirement from performing future Fire Alarm duties.

The Board recognized Captain Reedy's many years of dedicated service to the Wareham Fire Department and the citizens of the Wareham Fire District.

Board members specifically recognized his extensive knowledge of the fire alarm system, his service as an officer and dispatch supervisor, and his role in training personnel who followed him.

The Board discussed the importance of appropriately recognizing Captain Reedy for his approximately **50 years of service** to the department.

A motion was made to accept the retirement of **Captain/Fire Alarm Superintendent Paul F. Reedy** after his many years of dedicated service to the Wareham Fire Department and the citizens of the Wareham Fire District.

The motion was seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion Carried.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Captain Reedy for his service.

7. MEMBER REPORTS

Military Leave

A department member advised the Board of an anticipated military absence during **July 2026** and a possible additional deployment in **January/February**.

The member was requested to provide copies of military orders when available so that scheduling and Clerk-Treasurer requirements could be appropriately addressed.

Acting Fire Prevention Officer

The Board discussed the potential future need for an **Acting Fire Prevention Officer** should a temporary vacancy occur within the Fire Prevention Office.

Members acknowledged the operational demands of the Fire Prevention Office and the difficulty associated with maintaining the office with only one individual.

The Board indicated that establishment of an acting position would be considered if an actual vacancy occurred. It was noted that the matter could require discussion with the Prudential Committee and consideration of applicable contractual issues.

No formal action was taken at this time.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Board member announced that the May 28, 2026 meeting would be his **final meeting as a member of the Board of Engineers**.

He thanked department members and personnel for their assistance, confidence, support, and cooperation during his service on the Board.

Chief Haskell expressed appreciation for the member's service, assistance, and support over the years and recognized his contributions to the department.

The Board and those present extended their appreciation and best wishes to the departing member.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn.

The motion was seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at **1350 hours**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk / Recording Secretary

Date: _____

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Date Approved: _____