

**Bristol Fire Department
Board of Engineers Meeting
July 31, 2023**

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**Call to order, Quorum Established, Attendance, Minutes & Agenda Approval,
Next Regular Business Meeting.**

After the quorum was established, the meeting was called to order by Chief Michael DeMello at 7:00 PM, In attendance were Deputy Chief of Safety Training and Administration Jim Vieira, Deputy Chief of Operations John P. Perry, Assistant Chief Nelson Luis, Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral, Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros, EMS Captain Sam Turner, Lou Mascola recorded the minutes.

A motion and second to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2023 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, July 31, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday September 5, 2023, @ 7:00 PM.

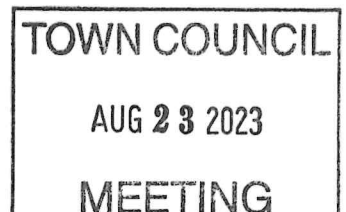
Correspondence, Training & Safety Reports, Apparatus Reports, Station Requests and Issues, Board Reports, Chief DeMello's Report, Old Business, New Business, For the Good of the Department, Calendar Updates, and Closing / Adjournment.

Correspondence

- ❖ An invitation from the Oakland / Mapleville Fire Departments was received to participate in their Parade & Muster, on September 3, 2023. Parade starts at 11:00 AM with the muster immediately following.
- ❖ Letter from the Front Line Ministries promoting their annual motorcycle ride on August 20th, Truck 7 & Ladder 1 will participate for the opening ceremonies.
- ❖ Two letters of thanks were received by the department for recent donations.
- ❖ The NEFCA will hold a golf tournament on October 4, 2023, the board voted unanimously to sponsor a hole at a cost of \$100.00.

Deputy Chief of Operations John Perry Dreadnaught Station

- ❖ Reported that the radios on Marine 1 are all set.



Assistant Chief Nelson Luis Defiance Station

- ❖ The wash bay at the Defiance Station has an issue.
- ❖ Inquired about obtaining a first aid bag & AED for the duty night vehicle.

Assistant Chief Dennis Cabral Ever Ready Station

- ❖ Requested batteries for a member of Fire Police.
- ❖ Discussed some new building construction on Bradford, Chestnut and Mt Hope Avenue. Inquiring about a walk through prior to finishing.
- ❖ Announced that on August 19th, the Ever Ready's will be having a training at the parking garage at RWU, at 9:00 AM.

Assistant Chief Adam Medeiros Hydraulion Station

- ❖ Requested voice amp batteries for the SCBA on Engine 4.
- ❖ Reported a foam issue on Engine 1.
- ❖ Inquired about some of the items in the rear yard at the Hydes. After discussion with Chief DeMello, it was decided that they can be trashed.

Captain Sam Turner (Division of EMS)

- ❖ The lettering on the Rescue Vehicles has been completed.
- ❖ No issues to report at the Rescue Station.
- ❖ Inquired about the new Rescue 4. This was discussed in New Business.

Deputy Chief of Safety, Training, and Administration Jim Vieira

- ❖ The 16 inch chain is on order.
- ❖ The current HazMat course is 50 % completed.
- ❖ The Proposed Driver / Operator Packet was discussed with the board and was unanimously approved.

Chief of the Department Michael DeMello

- ❖ A May Day Sheet was reviewed and discussed by the board.
- ❖ Announced that the statue for the park is in. It is hoped that the site work at the park can be completed by October 2023.
- ❖ Distributed the letter to the board regarding the (2) Deputy positions. He asked that the letter be read to the companies on meeting night.. It will also be proposed to the Town Council on Wednesday August 2, 2023. After the first & second reading, to be adopted in September 2023.
- ❖ Announced that the Annual Old Timer's Clam Boil will be held on Friday, October 13 th, at the Hydes Station.

Old Business

- ❖ There has been no progress in updating the department SOG's for this meeting.
- ❖ The board reported no issues with the recent July 4th Operations.

New Business

- ❖ The anticipated arrival of Rescue 4 is on the September / October timeframe.
- ❖ It is unsure when the arrival for Engine 4 will be at this point.

Event & Meeting Calendar for August 2023

31 - Board Meeting (August)
2 - Company Meetings
8 - Engine 4 Meeting
10 - Fire Police Meeting
15 - EMS Meeting
16 - Ladies Aux. Meeting (Optional)
17 - Firemen's Mem. Meeting (Optional)
6 - Ever Ready Outing
27 - Engine 4 Outing

Department & Company Events Going Forward

Sep. 16 Hydes Banquet
Sep. 23 Department Outing @ The VFW
Oct. 13 Old Timer's Clam Boil
Oct. 21 Fire Police Banquet
Oct. 22 Ever Ready Clam Boil
Oct. 29 Defiance Clam Boil
Nov. 3 Hydes Turkey Roll
Nov. 11 Dreads Surf & Turf
Nov. 18 Dreadnaught Banquet

For the Good of the Department

- ❖ **Total Runs for the Year 2,540**
- ❖ **Total Runs for July 2023 433**
- ❖ **Monthly Average 2023 362**

- ❖ **Response Appreciation - The responses and attendance has been a little light as of late, please make every effort to respond. Thank you.**

- ❖ **The Board wished Deputy Chief Vieira best wishes in his retirement. This was his last official board meeting.**

Meeting Closure & Adjournment

Without any further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Mascola

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Clerk for the Board of Engineers

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