

**FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 17, 2017**

The Fire Service Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were the following Commission members:

Chief Alan J. Roy
Chief John Nash
Chief Gregory J. Burns
Undersecretary Patrick McMurray
Chief Michael Morrissey
Captain Michael McCullough

Absent from the meeting were the following Commission members:

Mr. John Golembeski
FF Richard D. MacKinnon, Jr.

DFS staff present at the meeting:

Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier
General Counsel Steven Rourke
JoAnne Caruso

No guests were present at the meeting.

AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Chief John Nash and seconded by Chief Gregory J. Burns that the minutes of September 19, 2017, meeting be approved as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

B. Credentialing/Re-Credentialing Process

A motion was made by Chief John Nash and seconded by Chief Michael Morrissey to award accreditation to the following:

Credentialing –

- Assistant Chief Neil W. McPherson – Wayland Fire Department
- Chief Robert Parsons – Spencer Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Wayne R. Ulwick Jr. – Chelsea Fire Department

Re-Credentialing –

- Deputy Chief Andrew R. Mullin – Waltham Fire Department
- Chief Christopher W. Norris – Westhampton Fire Department
- Chief Dennis X. Condon – Needham Fire Department
- Chief Craig F. Weston – Carver Fire Department
- Deputy Chief Eric Germaine – Carver Fire Department

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chief Michael Morrissey and seconded by Captain Michael McCullough to table two applications pending further documentation and clarification. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. In order to clarify their previous vote, the Commission approved by motion on December 5, 2017 a clarification regarding same.

C. Boards/Commissions/Technical Committees question from application

As a result of an application submitted to the Committee which listed several local/municipality committees for point accrual, Commission members reviewed the revised language proposed by General Counsel Steven Rourke Clarifying the intent of the “BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/TECHNICAL COMMITTEES” and striking “City/Town Committees” from the application.

A motion was made by Chief Michael Morrissey and seconded by Chief Gregory J. Burns to accept proposed changes to the language, direct staff to make modifications to the applications and announce accordingly. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Last month’s tabled application due to local committees being listed for credit under “BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/TECHNICAL COMMITTEES” was discussed for reconsideration.

A motion was made by Chief John Nash and seconded by Captain Michael McCullough to grant Fire Chief Re-Credentialing to the two pending applicants.

D. General Issues and Updates from DFS

Deputy Marshal Maribel Fournier briefed the Committee on recent Department of Fire Service’ conferences. The 23rd Annual Public Safety Conference was held in Southbridge and over 250 people attended and had the largest out of state attendance to date. The 2017 Fire & Life Safety Educator of the Year Award was given to a Chelsea Fire fighter. The Massachusetts Hazardous Materials Technician Conference which was held in Plymouth was also a huge success.

All SAFE Grant applications were due September 29th. The application process is closed and there will be approximately 1.2 million dollars awarded to select participating communities. Notifications about grant awards will be sent out in December.

Both State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey and Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier attended the 500th meeting of Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts on October 10th.

The 28th Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards will be November 21st at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA.

Some key backfills such as Code Compliance & Enforcement Officer for the Fire Safety Division and the Recruit Program Coordinator for the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy have been posted and selection processes have begun.

E. Determination of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 21st, the same day as Firefighter of the Year Awards.

A motion to combine the November and December meetings was made Chief John Nash and seconded by Captain Michael McCullough. Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The date of the next meeting of the Fire Service Commission is tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Alan J. Roy and seconded by Chief John Nash. Said motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The meeting of the Fire Service Commission concluded at 10:37 a.m.