

Board of Fire Commissioners' Regular Meeting

July 24, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 N Main Street Bristol, CT

Present: Commissioners Sean Moore, Hal Kilby, Joyce Ptak, and Anthony Benvenuto, Council Member Cheryl Thibeault, and Fire Chief Richard Hart.

Present via Zoom: Commissioner Dana Jandreau and Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Moore at 6:00 pm.

2. Employee Recognition

- a. None.

3. Public Participation

- a. None

4. Communications

- a. None.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. On motion of Commissioner Ptak and seconded by Commissioner Kilby it was voted: To accept the June 26, 2025 meeting minutes. Following a voice vote in which there was no opposition, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

- a. On motion of Commissioner Ptak and seconded by Commissioner Kilby it was voted: To accept the June Monthly Reports. Following a voice vote in which there was no opposition, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Chief Hart and Commissioner Moore provided an update of the Fire Station 3 Building Committee. He shared that the project is progressing on time and on budget. He shared that on July 31, 2025 the Building Committee, Fire Board, and City Council are invited to a walk through.
- b. Commissioner Jandreau stated there is a request for retirement. On motion of Commissioner Jandreau and seconded by Commissioner Bentivengo it was unanimously voted to: Accept the request for disability retirement of Firefighter Aron Cascone, effective July 21, 2025 and forward to the Retirement Board and Comptroller's Office.

- c. Commissioner Jandreau discussed the release of the firefighter recruit list and advised interviews will be conducted in the near future.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Chief Hart advised that notifications have gone out through the Fire Marshal's Office, and shared on social media. Commissioner Moore requested the percentage of private hydrants in compliance be included in the Fire Marshal's report moving forward.
- b. The ordinance committee is holding a public hearing on August 5th at 4:45 pm to amend Ordinance 7-17 to increase the distance a fire pit should be from a permanent structure or property line to 25 feet and a citation for non-compliance.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chief Hart advised that Engine 1 went into service today, July 25, 2025 and it was delivered to Firematic, and that the production of Ladder 2 is in process and the expected date of delivery is mid-September.

10. ADJOURN

- a. On motion of Commissioner Ptak and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was voted: To adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm. Following a voice vote in which there was no opposition, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Recording Secretary: Sara Bianchi