

Enfield Fire District No. 1
Special Meeting Minutes
June 4th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Vincent Grady

Attendees for the Board:

William Moran	Gary Castle
Vincent Grady	Paul Benis
Patrick Droney	Paul Meunier
Christopher Foley	Maureen Brennan

Chief Edward Richards and Deputy Chief William Higgins were also present.

1st Public Comment:

Scott Prentiss, 60 Meadowlark Rd., asked if the meeting tonight was posted timely, and it was clarified that because it is a Special Meeting of the Commission, it required a 24 hour notice and therefore it has been warned timely.

Michelle Ellis, 7 King Ct., asked if the meeting tonight was posted timely, and it was clarified that because it is a Special Meeting of the Commission, it required a 24-hour notice and therefore it has been warned timely.

Matthew Mucci, 80 Weymouth School Rd., advised that, due to the 125th Anniversary celebration being canceled during the pandemic, a 130th Anniversary celebration is planned for September 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. and will include food and entertainment. A donation of up to \$10,000 is being requested, with the understanding that additional fundraising efforts will also take place and that any unused funds will be returned.

Election of Officers

Vice President Patrick Droney nominated Vincent Grady for President with a second by Maureen Brennan

Christopher Foley nominated Paul Meunier for President and there was no second. Nomination did not carry.

Gary Castle Nominated Patrick Droney for Vice President and Maureen Brennan for Secretary/Treasurer.

Paul Meunier nominated Christopher Foley for Secretary/Treasurer and there was no second. Nomination did not carry.

There are no further nominations. President Grady closed nominations.

Secretary cast one ballot for Vincent Grady as President, Patrick Droney as Vice President and Maureen Brennan as Secretary/Treasurer.

Communication and Reports:

The minutes from the April 9th, 2026 Regular Commission meeting were reviewed. Motion by Maureen Brennan and a second by Vice President Patrick Droney to accept the minutes and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer's Reports for April and May were reviewed and discussed. Cadet Firefighter Program is being held again and applications are being accepted. Annual training program will be rolled out July 1st and will include monthly objectives. President Grady inquired about EMS educational classes and there are no immediate plans for this.

The Chief's Report for April was reviewed and discussed. Engine 14 & 11 having repairs completed. Chief Richards advised that we will need a new air compressor in Station 1. The trench drain was replaced. Medical calls have increased since this time last year by approximately 32 calls. Motion by Paul Meunier and second by William Moran to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Fire Marshal's report for April was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Maureen Brennan and second by Paul Benis to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Foley inquired about the expected OT costs for the remainder of the year and the Chief acknowledged it will be high. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Paul Meunier and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee – Christopher Foley advised he has received additional policies from the Deputy Chief and will review and update us after the summer.

Station Two Renovation - William Moran advised there will be a meeting to determine if this will be moving forward and he will provide the board with an update.

Board Member Comments:

President Grady advised that we have a plaque coming to present to Paul Benis and will invite him back for this.

Gary Castle thanked Paul Benis for his service on the board and he advised that the Ladies' Night was very enjoyable and thanked those who planned it.

Paul Benis thanked the Board and his fellow Firefighters and said it was a pleasure with working everybody.

Paul Meunier thanked Paul Benis as well for his time and expertise.

William Moran thanked Paul Benis for his time and for the fond memories and good times.

Vice President Patrick Droney thanked Paul Benis and expressed appreciation for his time. He also advised to Michelle Ellis that we can address the error she identified in the April minutes during the second public comment.

Christopher Foley thanked Jessica for her work as the Admin. Asst. And commended her for doing well.

Maureen Brennan thanked Paul Benis as well and advise he will be missed and it's been a pleasure working together.

Old Business:

Paul Meunier advised that we received an email incorrectly stating that our district had not paid all payments into the training facility but it was noted that we in fact do not owe additional money. He also advised that the website news alerts are now customizable.

Christopher Foley advised that he would like to address the proposed Committee outline he has created at the next meeting.

Paul Meunier advised that we will need an additional person authorized to sign checks.

New Business:

There was a motion to change the regular meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month by Maureen Brennan, seconded by Vice President Patrick Droney. Christopher Foley questioned the change due to the Chief having a standing conflict on Wednesdays. William Moran stated that several commissioners also have recurring conflicts on Thursdays. The motion passed with three votes in favor (Maureen Brennan, William Moran, and Gary Castle), two votes against (Paul Meunier and Christopher Foley), and three abstentions (Paul Benis, Vice President Patrick Droney, and President Grady).

Motion to suspend the July and August 2026 meetings by Paul Meunier and second by Maureen Brennan. There was discussion about setting a date for a meeting during this time and it was agreed that any issues that arise can be addressed by a Special Meeting. Motion passes 7-1 with one nay – Christopher Foley.

Vice President Patrick Droney made a motion to donate up to \$10,000 toward the 130th Anniversary event with a second by Paul Meunier. Motion passes with one abstention from Vice President Patrick Droney.

There is an amendment to the motion by Paul Meunier to add that the funds provided are not to be used for the purchase or service of alcohol and a second by Maureen Brennan. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Maureen Brennan advised that she has created and shared a donation form to be used by all parties seeking donations. This will provide continuity and allow for protections for the district. President Grady advised that we will vote on this at the next meeting.

2nd Public Comment

Michelle Ellis, 7 King Ct., advised that the April minutes had an error for the addresses in the public comments. The Commission advised that this will be clarified here for the record - Debbie Chapin's correct address is 27 Old King Street and Brian Ellis' correct address is 7 King Court.

Deb Chapin of 27 Old King Street expressed concern regarding the failure of proper notification of the Annual Meeting.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:10pm by Paul Meunier and second by Vice President Droney.

Out of executive session at 7:55pm with no votes taken.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55p.m. by Maureen Brennan and second by William Moran. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer