

**Board of Fire Commissioners Informal Discussion
Regular Meeting Was Cancelled Due to Lack of Quorum
Wednesday, August 8, 2018
7:30 pm East Brooklyn Fire Department**

First Selectman, Richard Ives called the meeting at 7:33 p.m. (17:33 hours) due to lack of quorum. There was informal discussion. No actions were taken.

Attendance: Rick Ives; Lou Brodeur; Patrick Gauthier.

James Soler was absent with notice. Jeff Otto and Felix Ramos were absent.

Others Present – Sandra Brodeur; Patrick Dragon; Jim Warren, East Brooklyn Fire Chief; S. Breen, Mortlake Fire Chief arrived at 7:39 p.m.

1. Insurance Discussion:

- a) The aerial test for Mortlake's Ladder Truck needs to be done or coverage will expire 120 days after July 1st.
- b) Mr. Ives has spoken with the insurance company regarding banquet nights. There was a good response.

2. Mortlake to sign with Paquette and Eversource to install 100-percent LED lighting inside and outside the Station.

3. Patrick Gauthier stated that all of the fire hydrants on their side of Town have 5-inch fittings.

4. Patrick Dragon gave an update on the Mountain Biking. Killingly Police Officer, Jon Ley had planned on instructing the class at ECSU (free of charge), however, it is probably too late to conduct the class this year. He explained that fire personnel would have had to score a 90 or better on the initial IPIMBA exam/road course/obstacle. The training would involve operating a bike appropriately in heavy crowds. Once certification is received in that area, there is an EMS portion.

The bike shop would be willing to do fleet maintenance on-site at the Stations.

5. Mortlake is in the process of updating their website. They will have a FaceBook page and an Instagram page which will focus on recruitment. They hired someone to design and maintain it.

6. Mortlake's Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser was very successful. They feel that going door-to-door was very effective.

7. East Brooklyn's Steak Supper is scheduled for October 6th.

Steve Breen arrived at 7:39 p.m.

8. Discussion regarding Mortlake's ET which is taking longer than expected. It is still at Bowen's and lettering at Gagnon's is to take place on the 13th. It is expected to be ready for the Fair.

9. Mr. Breen stated that the aerial test for Mortlake's Ladder Truck has not been scheduled yet because they are waiting for the ET to be back first.
10. There was discussion regarding hose testing. It was done in July last year. Mr. Breen will contact Water Ways to get on the schedule.
11. Next Meeting – September 12, 2018, at Mortlake Fire Department.

Discussion ended at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary