

Cotuit Fire District – Board of Fire Commissioners



Notice of meetings of District Department and all District Boards

As required by Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009 which amends MGL Chapter 30 A

Union Negotiating Committee

DATE/TIME: August 8, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.

PLACE: 976 Main Street, Freedom Hall, Cotuit, Massachusetts.

DATE OF NOTICE: August 2, 2017

- No public comment
- Board will go into Executive session to deliberate on Open Meeting Law Complaint by Cynthia Gardner relating to 5/22/17 meeting of the Union Negotiating Committee.
- To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Cotuit Fire Fighters Local 3642 that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body.
- The Committee will not return to open session.

Please note: The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the committee chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed, and other items not listed may in fact be discussed to the extent permitted by law. It is possible that, if it so votes, the Committee may go into executive session. The Committee may also act on items in an order other than they appear on this agenda. Persons interested are advised that, in the event any matter taken up at the meeting remains unfinished at the close of the meeting, the matter may be put off to a continued session of this meeting with proper notice.

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Committee meetings are conducted in compliance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25). For the meetings of the Committee, there shall be a reasonable period of time for public comment. **The public does not participate in Committee discussions and/or deliberations.** "No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the chair; and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting; and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting". M.G.L Chapter 30A, Section 20(f).

For your information, the section of the M.G.L. that pertains to postings of meetings is as follows: Except in an emergency, in addition to any notice otherwise required by law, a public body shall post notice of every meeting at least 48 hours prior to such meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. In an emergency, a public body shall post notice as soon as reasonably possible prior to such meeting. Notice shall be printed in a legible, easily understandable format and shall contain: the date, time and place of such meeting and listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting. For meetings of a local public body, notice shall be filed with the municipal clerk and posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building in which the clerk's office is located.