

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DISTRICT FOURTEEN

MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2025, 11:30 AM

Firefly's BBQ, 350 East Main St., Marlborough, MA 01752

Present:

Chief Arnum	Chief Robie	Chief Sorrows	A/Chief Latta	A/Chief Schultz
A/Chief Whitney	Chief Judge	Chief Dutcher	Deputy Harrington	Chief Lawless
Deputy Hayes	Chief Nelson	Chief McPherson	Chief Puntini	Chief Miller
Chief Choate	A/Chief Gordon	Chief Desautels	Chief Breen	A/Chief Gogan
Chief Daugherty	Chief Woodside	Deputy Jurasek	Deputy Provost	

Absent:

Boxborough	Natick	Holliston	Hopedale	Lincoln
Northborough	Sherborn	Stow	Shrewsbury	Westborough

Meeting called to order at 11:51 AM

- Acceptance of May minutes. Motion was made by Chief McPherson, seconded by Chief Arnum, and voted unanimously to accept the May minutes as presented.

Fire Warden Update

- Brian Johson with an update on the spring wildfire season. KBDI – Keetch-Byram Drought Index is a drought index that measures soil moisture depletion based on temperature and precipitation data.
- Brian Mayer put a District 6 hand crew together. Also trying to get everyone in the state on the same hose fitting.

Treasurer

- Chief McPherson presented the May Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Chief Choate, seconded by Assistant Chief Latta, and voted unanimously to accept the May Treasurer's report as read.

Submitted Committee Report Questions or Comments

- Chief Judge states that although no NERAC report was submitted, he had an update. No funding yet but still expecting it. Car 14 replacement is hopefully happening. Tech Rescue reimbursement rate increased from \$35.00. Acceptance of submitted committee reports. Motion made by Chief Choate, seconded by Assistant Chief Gordon, and voted unanimously to accept submitted committee reports.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

- Assistant Chief Schultz presents an opportunity for a deep dive class. This would get twenty divers certified. Motion made by Chief Dutcher for the District to fund a deep dive class with funds from the remaining FY25 dive budget, partial funds from the FY26 dive budget and a set contribution from each participating community, seconded by Chief Desautels and voted unanimously to accept the deep dive class proposal.

Chief Choate makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief McPherson and voted unanimously to accept.

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Arsenault

Coordinator