



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Minutes -

Fire Chiefs

Anthony Fuller
Jeffrey Lewis
Chris Southerd

July 20, 2026 @6:30 PM

Committee Chairman

Jeffrey S Rhoades

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Gerald Oney
Stanley Siegel
Colin O'Connell

Fire Inspector

Craig Becker

Call to Order 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Jeffrey S Rhoades, Gerald Oney, Stanley Siegel, Thomas Vicchiariello, Jason Vicchiariello, Jeff Lewis, and Chris Southerd

Public Comment: *(5 minute limit per person)*. NONE

Approval of the Minutes July 2026 minutes approved by Gerald Oney seconded by Stanley Siegel

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business

- There is a new contract with an IT company to work on new phones and wifi for the firehouses once they take over

New Business:

- Any Budget requests need to be in to the city by Sept 11th 2026
- There was a discussion about grants for a new truck. Reimbursements will happen after the purchase order. Some quotes are between \$1 and 1.6 million

Emergency Management Report:

Old Business:

- Truck 7 all major repairs were done
- Engine 5 is in Hopewell getting pump repairs
- 829 is good
- Car 3 is getting somethings fixed
- The boat will be back Thursday

New Business:

- River is at 3 feet and at 70 degrees a little higher and cooler than normal
- Reservoirs are above average Cannonville is below average
- The plan to put the duplexes by the Flo Jean has stopped because they are going to put an access road to the pillars for stage 3 of the bridge work, a discussion followed
- The Farnum House had a small fire that was started by kids with fireworks. Squirrels are still there. There is a discussion about relocating Toms office and stuff in the building.
- There was a discussion about a tree by 5's Firehouse in West End

Fire Inspector Report:

- The Fire Inspector was not in attendance but his report is attached.

Public Comment: *(5 minute limit per person)* NONE

Adjournment: 6:52 PM

*Next F&EM Meeting **October 19, 2026 at 6:30pm**, in the Council Chambers*

Date: August 17,th 2026, Office of Emergency Management Committee Meeting

Update of New Projects in Process:

-Hotel, 61 Front St: MHE reviewed the plans from the new design professional. Almost all if the drawings are schematic in nature. We are waiting for updated plans.

-24-32 Front St: 3 apartments left. The project should be completed in October.

-88-90 Front St: Residential Fire Sprinkler installed in the ADA apartment. New alarm system installed, I am waiting on the alarm company to schedule the acceptance test.

-9 Orchard St, office space second floor, the renovation will include extending the alarm system to this space. I am waiting for a submittal from the alarm company.

-100 Pike St Suite 4, Briney Hair Salo and Spa, the sprinkler and alarm system will be incorporated with suites 1-10. The sprinkler heads were relocated to protect the new design properly. I am waiting for more information to issue the fire alarm permit.

-100 Pike St Suite 5, Middletown Medical Center, the sprinkler and alarm will be incorporated with suites 1-10. The sprinkler heads were relocated to protect the new design properly. I am waiting for more information to issue the alarm permit.

-30 Canal St, Bon Secours Sleep Institute, they are remodeling the alarm system, I am waiting for additional information to issue the permit.

Update on Completed New Projects:

-76 East Main St, Betel Beauty Salon.

Other Items:

-Bon Secours radio system: I am in contact with building management to see if we can figure out a way to make communication better. The best Idea we have had is adding a channel to their radio system and adding the channel to our portables to change to and communicate on. Update, I met Westchester Medical's new emergency management systems director. He is pushing to upgrade the radio system at Bon Secours. If/when this happens the goal is to put an additional channel in their system designated for FD and program it into our radios to switch over to during operations on site, more to come.

-KDC: I have them in court for major deficiencies and impairments in the sprinkler and alarm system. All the deficiencies have been remedied, court is adjourned until 8/27.

-I started sending Matt Kowal commercial contact information. He is going to try to help update Police dispatches contact list.

-100 Pike St, Metro North: They have informed their central station to state Metro North on alarm dispatches. The device names have been corrected. Issue resolved 7/29/26.

51-55 Pike St, alarm was in trouble on 7/21/26. A problem smoke head was replaced. Issue resolved 07/29/26.

-44 Front St: Sprinkler leaking through relief valve on 6/26/26. The owner has fixed the issues with the sprinkler system and alarm. I am waiting on documentation to close the issue.



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Monthly Report August 2026

Completed Safety Inspections

- Betel Beauty Salon, 76 East Main St
- Gio's Gelato, 24 Front St
- Commercial Unoccupied, 168 Jersey Ave
- Recap Headstart, 56-58 Church St
- Family Orthodontics, 137 Hammond St
- PJ Antiques, 25 Front St
- Texas Lunch, 65-69 Jersey Ave
- KDC One, 20 West King St

Safety Inspections in Progress

- KDC One, 20 West King St
- Wake Cup, 45 Front St
- Main Building, 100 Pike St
- The Beast Project, 22 Jersey Ave
- Foundry 42, 42 Front St
- Texas Lunch, 65-69 Jersey Ave
- Dollar General, 191 Jersey Ave
- Main Building, 24-32 Front St
- Brother Bruno's, 17 Front St
- Temple Beth, 88 East Main St
- Multi Suite Building, 41 Sussex St

Unable to Inspect Fined Inspection Fee

- Frontier, 164-168 Pike St, No show inspection, fined missed inspection fee.
- Fuller Automotive, No show inspection, fined missed inspection fee.

Completed New Projects

- Betel Beauty Salan, 76 East main St

Projects in Progress

- Hotel, 61 Front St
- Apartments, 24-32 Front St, ongoing with alarm acceptance tests as each unit is completed.
- Rumshocks, 297 East Main St
- Jay's Mobile, 1 Kingston Ave
- Multi Use Commercial/Residential, 88-90 Front St
- 30 Canal St, Bon Secours Sleep Institute, alarm remodel
- 100 Pike St Nail Salon
- 100 Pike St, Middletown Medical Expansion
- 9 Orchard St, alarm addition.

Violations Issued

- 100 Pike St, sprinkler deficiencies
- 99 Ball St, Salvation Army, sprinkler deficiencies

Tickets Issued

- None

Existing Parcel Issues Resolved

-44 Front St. There were fire sprinkler and alarm issues causing malfunction. All issues were addressed and the system is back in good working order.
-290 East Main St, KFC. The cooking fire suppression system discharged for an unknown reason. The system was recharged, tested, and put back into service.
-10 Brooklyn St, PJ Ambulance. The code for the alarm system reset was not in the Knox Box, it is now on a laminated card.
20 West King St, KDC. Fire sprinkler and alarm system had many deficiencies. They are now in full compliance and the court case ended in a settlement.

Existing Parcel Issues in Progress

-61 Front St, Hotel. I am working with the owner to make sure there is a radio communication system for the fire department.
-160 East Main St, Bon Secours radio communication improvement.
-39 Penn Ave. The alarm had a malfunction. Parts were ordered for remedy. A additional master key is needed for the Knox Box.

Other/Miscellaneous

-Planning board project review
-Annual in-service training