

Board of Fire Commissioners

Bedford Hills Fire District
332 Bedford Road
Bedford Hills, NY 10507



BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph J. Lombardo, *Chairperson*
Dominick N. Bueti, *Vice-Chairperson*
Dominic A. Bueti
Jonathan A. Lucas
Maureen Bailey

DISTRICT STAFF

Diane Bancroft, *Secretary*
Alexandra Graniero, *Treasurer*
Kerry McGill, *Deputy Treasurer*

Minutes of Monthly Meeting April 14, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, which was held both in person and via Zoom.

Attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS	DISTRICT STAFF	FIRE CHIEFS
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti	Secretary Diane Bancroft	Chief Zachary Patierno
Commissioner Maureen Bailey	Treasurer Alexandra Graniero	Chief Robert Bancroft
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas (Virtual)	Deputy Treasurer Kerry McGill	

Chairperson Joseph Lombardo and Commissioner Dominic A. Bueti were excused from the meeting.

In Person: N/A

Virtual: N/A

- The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti at 7:06 P.M.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Zachary Patierno.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti opened the meeting with the public forum, noting that no one from the public was in attendance to address the Board of Fire Commissioners. Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti noted that if any member of the public joined the meeting in person or virtually prior to the conclusion of the meeting, they would be afforded an opportunity to address the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti moved to the first order of business, the permissive referendum for the AED Equipment.

Permissive Referendum

- Secretary Diane Bancroft provided the affidavit for the Public Notice in the Journal News for the permissive referendum for replacement of the AED Equipment. No petitions were received against the permissive referendum.

Correspondence

Secretary Diane Bancroft noted the following:

- A calendar event is scheduled for June 19th and additional communication with President Jason Nickson will be done. The Commissioners did receive a copy.
- An insurance check from New York State Insurance Fund was received for \$11,549.69 and the other for \$10,741.00.
- The invite for Millwood’s annual inspection was received and will be on April 25th. The invitation was shared with the Commissioners.
- All paperwork for the trailer has been received and the registration with New York State Department of Motor Vehicles will be completed.
- Notice for the eye relief expectorant was received to discontinue use. Confirmation was obtained from Robert Dennett, Sr., that no bottles are in use.
- Donation of the Peloton bike was completed to Bedford Central Schools.

Report of the Secretary

- Commissioner Maureen Bailey made a motion with second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to approve March 10, 2026, Monthly Meeting minutes with noted minor corrections.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

Report of the Treasurer

- Treasurer Alexandra Graniero shared that the draft audit report has been received for review. A review was completed and everything looked accurate. Requested Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to review before confirming back to auditors to finalize the report. An item for consideration is noted for updates to the employee handbook
- Commissioner Maureen Bailey made a motion with second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

Report of the Commissioners

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti

- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti shared recommendation from Commissioner Dominic A. Bueti to pay D.P. Wolff \$28,800 invoice for the work that has been completed. The balance of \$11,200.00 would be held until the O&M manuals and warranties for the new units are received.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti confirmed that an invoice for \$5,000.00 has been received by Dominic A. Bueti from Geo Environmental for the demolition work of the former Kicho building and requested payment be issued.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti confirmed that Commissioner Dominic A. Bueti requested that the D.P. Wolff maintenance agreement be paid for the first quarter balance of \$447.62.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti confirmed that Commissioner Dominic A. Bueti asked that approval for \$6,495.00 in heating repairs be granted for the domestic pump 2 and the Aqui stat replacement
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti shared an update from Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo that ESS provided a discount for the radios and that the March meeting minutes should reflect the change.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti shared that Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo is still working with ESS on the Zello project and moving the handsets.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti shared that Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo confirmed the new ATV has been delivered to TFC Lighting for upfitting of radios and lighting.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti noted that Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo finalized the Peloton donation to the Bedford Central School District on April 10th.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti advised that Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo confirmed the new fitness equipment was installed on April 13th and that additional tune-up work will be completed on April 18th.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti shared that the Spring cleanup was completed, and the grass seeding was done on the former Kicho site.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti thanked Secretary Diane Bancroft for assistance with the trailer now that the title has been received and registration with New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti advised that the spare tire for the trailer was not received, and outreach had been made to Trailer King to have it sent.

Commissioner Maureen Bailey

- Commissioner Maureen Bailey advised that she has reviewed the March bank statements and checks and found no concerns or discrepancies.

Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas

- Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas confirmed that the LOSAP corrections were finalized, and the payments owed to impacted members have been completed.

Report of the Chief

- Chief Zachary Patierno provided the Department summary of activity:

Total Alarms for March	33
Total Alarms to date for April	15
Year-to-date Mutual Aid Alarms	31
Year-to-date In District Alarms	106
Year-to-date Total Alarms	137

General Membership / Training Updates

Chief Zachary Patierno discussed the following matters:

- Notable incidents since the March meeting include:
 - A commercial alarm March 17th at 165 Haines Road; Kasho. Crews found smoke throughout the building related to smoke bombs that had been lit and disposed of in trash cans. As an intentional ignition of an incendiary device the Cause and Origin Team was called to investigate. A phone investigation was completed and a report issued.
 - A commercial alarm March 24th at 165 Haines Road; Kasho Building W for a dryer fire in one of the apartments. Conditions within the building were a concern and the Building Department was called on the scene due to holes in the floors that undermined the foundational structure. Con Edison was also called to the scene due to multiple issues with the gas lines including improper use of interior piping in exterior areas. Gas was shut down for the building. The Building Department did not condemn the building or restrict its use. Residents brought electric heaters into the building against Fire Department advice.

While on scene, black smoke was viewed coming from another building on the property. The building is where Matzah is prepared for Passover. The oven area appeared to have had fires previously. The ceiling is significantly deteriorated with heavy black smoke stains throughout the whole first floor. Upon further inspection, cracked and sagging flooring on the 2nd floor was found due to large amounts of debris and trash. Additional gas lines

improperly installed were found throughout the building. The oven chimney lacked proper exhaust. The Building Department was called to the scene along with Con Edison. Due to the deficiencies the gas at Building P was shut down. The Building Department condemned Building P. The Cause and Origin Team was requested and a report issued.

A call from Rabbi Bloom was received by Chief Zachary Patierno where concerns were raised related to the Fire Department's involvement on the property. Chief Zachary Patierno expressed that when deficiencies and safety concerns are found, the Fire Department needs to follow appropriate protocols in the interest of safety for the residents that reside on the premises.

Conversations continue with the Town Supervisor, Ellen Calves, the Deputy Town Supervisor, Stephanie McCain and Susan Spear, Commissioner for Department of Emergency Services regarding how to best educate the community around the dangers that are present on the property.

- A motor vehicle accident with extrication on March 24th in front of Bedford Hills Fire Department headquarters.
- A structure fire on March 30th at the abandoned IBM building in Somers. Response included investigation, overhaul and ventilation with forcible entry into several different areas of the building.
- A chimney fire on March 30th at 344 Cherry Street where a crew from the Chappaqua Crossing training responded with Katonah Fire Department ladder 39.
- A second alarm structure fire on March 31st in Croton on Hudson as a FAST team.
- A mulch pile fire on April 8th in Briarcliff Manor – Clayborn Lane.
- A motor vehicle accident with extrication on the Saw Mill River Parkway when a small SUV crashed into a tractor trailer that was idle on the side of the road. Katonah Fire Department also responded and the patient who was heavily pinned was successfully removed from the car alive, alert and conscious and transported by ambulance to the hospital.
- PESH training has been completed by 52 members. The next in person session will be held on October 12th.
- FIT mask testing 36 have completed, with 41 interior firefighters on the roster. Members who did not attend March 2nd will have until the end of April to have the FIT mask testing completed at AAA in White Plains to remain as interior firefighters.
- Town of Bedford extended the moratorium for 6 additional months for the battery energy storage systems proposed in the Town of Bedford.

Upcoming and Past Events

- Ham Night ticket sales on April 19th at Shoprite.
- May 1st Ham Night will be held at the Bedford Hills Fire Department meeting room.

- May 3rd a car show at Chappaqua Crossing where the antique will be going.
- May 20th Suzanne Grant Foundation Volunteer Day at Bedford Firehouse. U6 and the bus will be used.
- May 22nd will be the Bedford Hills Fire Department Annual Inspection at Salem Golf Club.
- June 2nd Truck Day at Bedford Free Library. R10 and TL57 will be used.
- Advanced extrication training was held on March 19th, 21st and 22nd and was well attended.
- Boot Drive on April 4th
- Retirement walkout for ex-Chief Paul Aquilino on April 10th at the Bedford Firehouse. 20 Bedford Hills Fire Department members attended.

Chief Robert Bancroft joined the meeting in person at 7:38 P.M.

Membership Updates

- Physicals are up to date.
- Chief Zachary Patierno shared no changes in membership, noting 1 member remains on medical leave.

Other Items

- Chief Zachary Patierno advised that the extrication class was approved for a budget of \$5,000 and \$4,000 was used with an additional \$810 for food and beverages. Noted that the P.O. would need to be updated to reflect the two separate vendors for the training.

Old Business

- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti noted that the radio project is still open due to continued work to resolve issues with the batteries and mics.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti noted that there is continued work occurring with the camera work.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti noted that the Fitness Room new technology equipment configuration and installation is open and in process.

New Business

- A motion is made by Commissioner Maureen Bailey with a second by Commission Jonathan A. Lucas to approve heat pump repairs for \$6,495.00 to D.P. Wolff. P.O. 2026-0047

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with a second by Commission Maureen Bailey to approve leaking valve body repairs in Commissioner’s Meeting Room ceiling for \$1,345.00 to D.P. Wolff. P.O. 2026-0048

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Commissioner Maureen Bailey with a second by Commission Jonathan A. Lucas to purchase Inspection cleaning supplies for \$1,000.00 from Amazon. P.O. 2026-0049

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Commissioner Maureen Bailey with a second by Commission Jonathan A. Lucas to purchase Inspection cleaning supplies for \$600.00 from Simoniz. P.O. 2026-0050

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Commissioner Maureen Bailey with a second by Commission Jonathan A. Lucas to purchase Inspection cleaning supplies for \$400.00 from Mt. Kisco Truck. P.O. 2026-0051

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with a second by Commission Maureen Bailey to purchase inspection plaques and awards for \$600.00 from DiMuro Awards. P.O. 2026-0052

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with a second by Commission Maureen Bailey to purchase 20 Anderson rescue straps for \$3,000.00 from AAA. P.O. 2026-0053

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti with a second by Commission Maureen Bailey to purchase inspection awards for \$1,500.00 from Rescue Stuff. P.O. 2026-0054

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with a second by Commission Maureen Bailey to purchase Wendy SAR tactical helmets with VIS 2 headlamps for the UTV for up to \$5,000.00 from Team Wendy as part of the UTV grant. P.O. 2026-0055

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

Bank Transfers

- Motion made by Commissioner Maureen Bailey with a second by Commission Jonathan A. Lucas to move \$3,545.55 from TD Apparatus Reserve Fund to TD Bank General Fund for AAA PO 2026-0043.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to move \$159.99 from TD Bank Apparatus Reserve Fund to TD Bank General Fund to cover MA197 adapters for AAA.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Commissioner Maureen Bailey with a second by Commission Jonathan A. Lucas to move \$2,332.30 from TD Apparatus Reserve Fund to TD Bank General Fund for J.C. Beach Electric for PO 2026-0035.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to move \$3,355.00 from TD Bank Apparatus Reserve Fund to TD Bank General Fund to cover upfitting circuitry for new fitness equipment; as part of the referendum.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to move \$28,800.00 from TD Bank Building Reserve Fund to TD Bank General Fund to cover invoice from D.P. Wolff for RTU unit project (less 10% retainage fee); as part of the referendum.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Commissioner Maureen Bailey with second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to move \$5,060.00 from TD Bank Building Reserve Fund to TD Bank General Fund to cover invoice from Geo Environmental for demolition of former Kicho building; as part of the referendum.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to move \$1,850.00 from TD Bank Building Reserve Fund to TD Bank General Fund to cover invoice from KG&D for demolition oversight of former Kicho building; as part of the referendum.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to move \$75,000.00 from NYCLASS General Fund to TD Bank General Fund to cover April monthly bills.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

Audit of the Claims

- Motion made by Commissioner Mauren Bailey with second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to approve payment for the checks issued below:

Check Numbers	Account	Amount
10084-10086	Payroll-Gross	\$3,708.33
10087-10129	General Fund	\$122,663.79
10130-10142	General Fund	\$1,831.26
Total Checks: 60		\$128,203.38

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call vote as follows:

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 3 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

With there being no other business, Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Minutes Completed by Kerry McGill, Deputy Treasurer; Bedford Hills Fire District