

Windham First Taxing District~ Regular Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2016 ~ 7 p.m.

Windham Center Fire Department

President Diane Rayhall called the regular meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1917 hours.

Members present were: Diane Rayhall, Helene Chapman, Elaine Rogers, Theodore Colwell, Bill Powers, Joseph DeMarchi, Jan Mott and Peter Bruscato were present. Dawn Niles was absent

Approval of the Minutes dated November 2, 2015 ~ Elaine Rogers made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction on the location of the meeting changed to North Windham Fire Department. Also correction for NASC to NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Seconded by Bill Powers, motion accepted unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes dated December 7, 2016 ~ Motion made by Elaine Rogers to accept the minutes with correction to page 2, Elaine Rogers made a motion to move to a special meeting for the purpose of approving \$35,000.00 for the South Windham Fire Department grant match. Seconded by Bill Powers. Motion accepted, Joseph Demarchi abstained.

Treasurer's Report~ Jan Mott presented the bills and account balances. He noted no bills for the month:

Account balances ~

Checking	\$27,738.32
Operations Savings	\$175,374.43
Reserve Grant Match	\$63,912.00
Reserve Grantee Improvement	\$164,966.00
Total	\$431,990.75

We have spent \$433,166.18 of our \$853,538.00 budget to date. Motion to accept the report and pay the bills was made by Elaine Rogers, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi. Motion accepted unanimously. President Rayhall reminded the treasurer to pay Attorney Kepple.

Public Comment ~

Bill Powers questioned the treasurer what legal was under "Bills to Pay" from last month's minutes. Treasurer Mott explained that it was for the legal notices that get put into *The Chronicle*.

Guilford Smith Library ~

Afton Seal was not present at the meeting. Michelle Maclure stated that 20 children participated in the gingerbread house program. Bill Powers questioned if they were edible. She also stated that the Bake Sale in November would now be a Pie Sale. There are numerous good programs coming up.

Windham Free Library ~

Paul Siege stated that the Dr. Hunt Office building was 80% complete and would be ready for the spring children's programs. He also gave his budget noting a 5% increase. Joseph DeMarchi questioned if a restroom would be installed. Mr. Siege advised that the Library did not have sufficient space to install a restroom; that it has been grandfathered not to require one. A brief discussion was held. Elaine Rogers questioned if Paul Siege lived in Windham, he stated that he does.

Report from WYO (Windham Youth Organization) ~

Greg Job stated that registration would be held February 20, 27 at the old Kramer building from 10 am to 12 noon and March 5, 12 10 am to 12 noon. March 17th at North Windham, Windham Center schools and the Charles Barrow school from 6-7:30 pm during parent / teacher conferences. First practice is scheduled for April 30th.

Report from Elaine Rogers / Windham Fire Departments Liaison ~

Elaine Rogers stated that the fire departments discussed training films on "Risk vs Benefit". Additional training was also discussed. The three fire departments are in discussion on possibly purchasing a fit tester for SCBA masks.

Report from Bill Powers / 3 Windham's Firefighter's Incentive Program Committee ~

Bill Powers stated that an organizational meeting on December 30, 2015 at the Windham Center Fire Department. There was full attendance from the entire committee. They are planning document review, incentives and discussion on ideas. The committee will be meeting the last Wednesday of each month at Windham Center Fire Department. President Rayhall reminded the committee that the schedule needs to be sent to the Town Clerk to be posted. The committee will be making recommendations and not voting.

Windham Center Fire Department ~

Chief Lloyd Niles presented the report noting (62) calls for the month of December (28) of them being mutual aid. There were (5) training sessions for the month. * See attach report. Chief Niles stated that he is working with the nursing homes to cut down on some of the routine calls. The department is starting their budget process and will have it ready for the February meeting. Windham Center Fire Department participated in the "Stuff a Fire Truck" with the other two Windhams.

South Windham Fire Department ~

Chief Patrick Farley presented the report noting (63) calls for the month of December with (3) being mutual aid and (48) being automatic aid. There were (5) training sessions for the month. *See attached reports. Chief Farley stated that he would have the proposed budget for the February meeting. He also added that the department participated in the "Stuff a Fire Truck".

North Windham Fire Department ~

Chief Jeff Wrana presented the monthly report noting (44) calls for the month December with (9) of them being mutual aid. There were (2) training sessions noted for November. *See attached report. Also participated in the "Stuff a Fire Truck".

Old ~

President Rayhall stated that she had spoken with Attorney Kepple regarding the "executive session" issue. Contracts can be discussed in open session unless it pertains to employee issues. The Dispatch Contract will be put on agenda. She will be discussing the "ethics" issue with him.

President Rayhall also reminded everyone that budgets are due at the February meeting. She also has not had contact with *Eversource*.

New ~ None

Public Comment ~

Gene Chaine asked Chief Farley what was going to happen to the old fire truck if it gets replaced. Chief Farley stated that part of the grant approval is that the truck cannot be used for firefighting in the U.S. It will either be sold to a collector or sold for scrap.

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Bruscato. Motion accepted and meeting adjourned at 1940 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Helene E. Chapman

Clerk, W.F.T.D.