

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT
MONDAY JANUARY 6, 2014
Monthly Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

President Diane Rayhall called the monthly meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 19:05 hours at the Windham Center Fire Dept.

The following members were present: Diane Rayhall, Ted Colwell, Elaine Rogers, Joe DeMarchi, George Gillette, Jan Mott, Peter Bruscato.

Absent was AnnMarie White.

President Rayhall welcomed Town Council Members: Tony Fantoni and Mike Lessard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

George Gillette made motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 2, 2013 2nd by Elaine Rogers. Motion Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jan Mott gave the treasurer's report and read the following:

Checking account balance \$30,171.44

Savings account balance \$123,675.10

Grant Match Reserve \$63,912.00

Grant Improvement Reserve \$120,193.40

Total \$337,951.94

BILLS TO PAY:

The Chronicle \$146.77 - legal notice

George Gillette made motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills. 2nd by Ted Colwell - Motion Passed

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADD DAWN NILES AS A BOARD OF DIRECTOR:

George Gillette states that he is in support of Dawn Niles becoming a director. Elaine Rogers states that she is not in support of Dawn becoming a director, due to when she was on charter revision she wanted to have the police department come in the Windhams. Vivian Chaine is not in support stating she believes it a conflict of interest because she is the wife of the Chief of the Windham Center Fire Department. Paul Siege states that Dawns history within the community; that she would be good as a director. Mike Sikoski states that he believes that it is a conflict of interest and he wants to volunteer for the Director's position. Dawn Niles states that there has been a vacancy on the board of directors for 2 years. Diane Rayhall wanted the public there to know who was on the board, and introduced them. Diane Rayhall states that she believes that Ann White will not be running next term and that we will again need to fill the vacancy. Mike Sikoski put his name in for the vacancy. Joe DeMarchi asked for some background on Mike. Mike stated that he has been a resident of the Windham villages for 3 years and prior to that lived in Mansfield. Mike is a businessman and owns his own business. John Posemsky is in favor of fire department personnel on board. Motion made by Ted Colwell, seconded by Joe DeMarchi to go to a paper ballot on Dawn vs Mike. Diane Rayhall and Joe DeMarchi looked at all present to make sure they were residents of the Villages for voting. Mike Lessard and Tony Fantoni counted the votes. Total number of voters to vote was 24: Dawn received 17 and Mike received 7. After vote took place, Diane Rayhall expressed to Mike that if he wanted to be a board of director that he should make his intentions know. He states that he would like to be on the board of directors for the 2014/2015 year, so noted.

GUILFORD SMITH LIBRARY

Afton provided us with the libraries programs for January and February. Spoke about the importance of a new carpet at the Library. The current carpet is 60 years old. They are looking for help from the district for \$5200.00 from Carpet LLC. Joe Demarche requested that she contact the Leaders Store in Norwich to see if they were any cheaper in price. Motion by George Gillette seconded by Elaine Rogers to provide the library with \$5200.00 at a special meeting being held on Tuesday February 11 at p.m. Motion Passed.

WINDHAM FREE LIBRARY

Paul Siege provided us with the libraries program for the month of January. Paul spoke about the

importance of a roof and provided the members with a quote from McClintock roofing. After some discussion Everette Hyde questions of shakers needed for historical society. Diane Rayhall questioned if the library had gone before the historical society to get approval for the roof. Paul answered that he did not know that he had to go before them. He would set up a meeting with them. The request for a new roof for discussion and possible action would go in March if the library can get passed the historical society.

WYO

Greg Job went over WYO'S budget and is staying status Quo in the next year's budget. This year they received 2 picnic tables and 2 more for this year. He discussed the interactions with other towns.

ELAINE ROGERS - (3) WINDHAMS REPORT

Elaine reports that the 3 fire departments went over the camera's. Mike Siloski questioned what the fire departments have now and why they need new ones. Elaine states that each fire department would receive 1 new camera.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO BUY THERMO CAMERAS:

Chief John Wylie went over the thermo camera's and stated that the quote he received was for 1 camera for each fire department and that the cost would be \$50,000.00 to bring forth at a special meeting on Tuesday February 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Motion made by George Gillette seconded by Peter Bruscato. Motion Passed

SOUTH WINDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Helene Chapman gave January fire report

WINDHAM CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Niles gave January fire report. Chief Niles states that they have joined forces with Windham Center School and they will be reading to the children and having the summer program on the green.

NORTH WINDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Wylie gave January fire report

OLD BUSINESS:

President Diane Rayhall asked if the flags were up on the hydrants for the winter months. Board member requested that the Town Council be present on concerns of the ambulance. President Diane Rayhall states that any questions regarding the ambulance needs to be taken up with the Board of Public Safety and the Town Council it does not had anything to do with the district. Discussion started to take place and Joe DeMarchi stated business out of order and discussion stop. President Diane Rayhall gave a reminder to all the we will be starting our budgets and to bring them at the next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Niles states the Windham Center Fire Department received money for a relief fund and provided a family who lost their home on George St. They took them to Walmart to help buy food, clothes and storage containers. They spent \$1500.00 and explained to the family it was a donation and if they wanted to replace the money they could when they received their insurance claim.

Tony Fantoni states that everyone should have received their revels from the town. Bonding has been approved.

ADOURNMENT

Motion by Elaine Rogers adjourned at 2130 hrs seconded by Peter Bruscato -motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Elaine Rogers
Acting Clerk