

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

Monday January 7, 2013

Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:**

President Diane Rayhall called the monthly meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1900 hours.

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

**Approval of Minutes December 3, 2012:**

Elaine Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 3, 2012 for approval. Joe DeMarchi seconded the motion, all in favor, Ted Colwell abstained.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

Account Balances:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 4,531.18
Savings Account Balance:	\$174,865.91
Grant Match Reserve:	\$ 53,912.00
Grant Improvement Reserve:	<u>\$ 94,513.40</u>
Total:	\$327,822.49

Bills to Pay:

Shane Navratil	\$ 4,500.00
Chronicle	\$ 165.26
Ivan Construction	\$ 2,500.00
Shipman's Fire Equip.	\$ 18,120.00
Kepple & Morgan	\$ 1,500.00

Joe DeMarchi noticed the Shipman's invoice was listed and wanted to make sure the invoice was corrected for the right number of bottles purchased. Jan said the invoice was corrected. Ted Colwell moved to accept treasurer's report, and pay the bills, Elaine Rogers seconded, all in favor.

**Public Comment:**

Anita Sebestyen, a Board of Finance member stated that the Natchang Roof issue was brought up again. The Board has been asked to take any leftover funds and put them into the roof. She asked the public to speak to her after to get their opinion on this issue since there aren't many people that attend the Board of Finance meetings.

Lloyd Niles stated that the roads in the town were terrible during the last snow storm. He was concerned because of getting emergency vehicles out on these roads. Joe DeMarchi said this should be brought to the next Public Safety Committee. Diane asked the three Chief's if they were going to attend, and they said they were.

Michelle Maclure stated that Sunday, February 10, 2013, was going to be the last service held at the South Windham Congregational Church due to lack of funds.

### **Guilford Smith Memorial Library**

Afron Seal gave the December report. She thanked everyone who came to the Friendly's fundraiser. The library made \$50. She is working on her 2013 budget.

They have created a new Tween space with computers and beanbag chairs.

Diane asked for an update with the Post Office. She met with a neighbor who is a lawyer and they brought up a lot of good questions. Joe DeMarchi asked if they were going to increase their hours and will they provide training. Afron stated they can't increase their hours and the Post Office will provide the training. They will receive a very small stipend to cover the training which would be held on a Saturday. The Post office was having a meeting to get the public's response. Ted Colwell mentioned the library is not wheelchair accessible and there is a lot more expenses that the library has to cover and they are not in the position to take these expenses on. Joshua Niles asked if the library could sell stamps only. Joe DeMarchi said this is fine if the library is not paying for the stamps.

### **Windham Free Library**

New President gave report. They are continuing reading program with the Windham Center School. In November they launched a new kid's program, and they had 20 kids attend. He will work with their treasurer on their 2013 budget.

### **Windham Youth Organization**

Greg Job is planning their new season and their 2013 budget. WYO started an affiliation with the Cal Ripken League to bolster registration. George Gillette asked who they use for umpires. He stated they have the Nutmeg Association. It is difficult to recruit volunteer umpires.

### **Elaine Rogers Update on 3 Windhams**

Nothing to report.

### **South Windham Fire Department**

Helene Chapman read the December report. George reminded her that we still need October's report. She will forward to Diane Rayhall. Joe DeMarchi asked for a clarification of their 'Special Type' of calls. She stated they were any kind of mutual aid calls.

### **Windham Center Fire Department**

Lloyd Niles read the December report.

### **North Windham Fire Department**

John Wylie read the December report. He will have a draft budget for the Board next month. Diane Rayhall thanked the fire department for letting her get to her home though a road block due an obstruction on Tuckie Road.

### **Old Business**

Diane stated the Willimantic Police Chief was suppose to come this month, but later declined. She will come out at a later time.

### **New Business**

George Gillette handed out a list of equipment with their cost, to assist the Board when working on the budgets for the fire departments. Diane asked John Wylie if the \$4000 cost included the \$2890 cost for gear. He stated it did. It covered parts of gear and maintenance.

Gorge Gillette asked if the South Windham fire department work was completed. John Chapman stated the work was held up due to a water issue. Joe DeMarchi stated the work was approved back in June and wanted to know if the company was paid anything. Jan Mott stated they only paid a deposit. John Chapman said once the sheetrock completed for the water issue, the painting

will get done, hopefully by spring. Joe DeMarchi looked at the original painting invoice for an end date, and noticed there wasn't one stated.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn at 1945 hrs., seconded by Peter Bruscato, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White  
Clerk