

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT
Monday October 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, Jan Mott, Elaine Rogers, Peter Bruscato, George Gillette, Ted Colwell and AnnMarie White.

Approval of Minutes:

Elaine Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes dated September 9, 2013; Peter Bruscato seconded the motion, rest in favor. George Gillette asked Jan why the account balance was less than the bills to be paid on last month's treasurer's report. Jan said that balance shown was the balance after the bills were paid.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Account Balances:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 1,955.60
Savings Account Balance:	\$ 145,856.76
Grant Match Reserve:	\$ 63,912.00
Grant Improvement Reserve:	<u>\$ 120,193.40</u>
Total:	\$ 331,917.76

Bills to Pay:

Chronicle	\$ 140.30
Shane Navratil	\$ 5,000.00
C & T Improvement	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>
Total:	\$ 6,440.30

Ted Colwell moved to accept treasurer's report and pay the bills, seconded by Elaine Rogers, all in favor.

Pete asked Jan why the checking account went down, Jan said he moved money to the savings account for the interest.

Guilford Smith Memorial Library

Afron Seal gave the September report. The library made the paper three times. She acknowledged the South Windham Fire department for lighting up the back yard for the belly dancers, and noted they were going to be doing fire prevention at the library.

Windham Free Library

Carol Santaluccia gave the September report. The library added 1050 items, but they were having problems with the Evergreen computer system, but it seems to be working now. They added 49 new patron cards in the last week. The Windham Center fire department brought a fire truck to the green for the kids to climb on. They added a backup system to their computer system. George asked both libraries what type of books they are willing to take. Windham Free doesn't have the room to take any more. Guilford Smith won't take encyclopedias or textbooks, but everything else.

Windham Youth Organization

No report given.

Elaine Rogers Update on 3 Windhams

Discussion at the last meeting on the thermal imaging cameras and what type of handles to use was the big issue with them. They also discussed putting the fire prevention cost in the taxing district's budget. Chief Wylie thought the fire prevention issue went overboard at the last meeting. The three departments care about fire prevention, and he would like to keep this cost in his budget. Diane had a discussion with Chief Scrivener on fire prevention and both thought the problem with the Magnet School is that their operating expenses come from Eastconn. Chief Wylie said their department will absorb the cost this year, but will re-visit it next year. Pete asked the Chief if the Magnet school accepted the fire prevention program and the Chief said they did.

George made a motion to rescind the vote of putting a line item in the Directors budget for fire prevention and put in the fire departments general budget, Elaine seconded, all in favor.

Diane asked Chief Wylie what the thermal imaging camera status was. He said they was looking at three companies and may try out a demo.

South Windham Fire Department

No report given.

Windham Center Fire Department

Lloyd Niles read the September report.

They had a memorial service on October 6th.

December 1 is the tree lighting. Diane asked if they purchased new lights. They haven't so she asked them to look into getting new lights for next year.

Chief Niles stated there was a new regulation with the 4 inch hose. Need to replace it if it was purchased before 1987. Diane asked what the cost was. The Chief stated \$700 to \$800 for 100 feet. He's budgeting for 3 lengths a year for the next 3 years.

Mark Herrick stated NFPA sets the standards for fire service, and OSHA will refer to their standards if there were an issue.

North Windham Fire Department

John Wylie read the September report.

Peter Bruscato said he is the workers comp advocate and said all the fire departments are under one report for the Town of Windham. Numbers misrepresented and they should be split into 4 separate reports. Diane will discuss this with Tom Pesce.

Old Business

George wanted a status of South Windham's painting job. Ted Colwell stated the job was 95% done. The back is the only thing left to paint. George wanted clarification on the \$300 retirement benefit if it was only for new members or for retirees too. Diane said it's for any member that is going to retire.

New Business

Lloyd Niles was approached by Tom White saying that the person that owns the Waterford Speed Bowl was interested in putting in a dragster in Windham Center. Peter asked if this person has checked with the fire departments on what their requirement would be, he has not. Ted Colwell said if the three departments do a collaborative service and charge them for this service; it could be lucrative for them.

Public Comment

George Gillette said he was approached by three different people that live near him and asked if he could do something about the four wheelers on Route 14. He called the police and they said they wouldn't chase them. Last year the CT DEEP got involved and caught some of them. George asked if Diane could follow up with the police or CT DEEP to see if they could do anything.

Jan Mott said the South Windham Fire department assisted the Nathan Air Chime company with a horn test. They will be on a National Geographic show in April. They donated a three section horn for one of the department's trucks.

Adjournment

Motion made by Peter Bruscatto to adjourn at 1958 hrs, seconded by Elaine Rogers, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White
Clerk