

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

Monday November 5, 2012

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, Elaine Rogers, Joe DeMarchi, George Gillette, Jan Mott, Peter Bruscato and AnnMarie White.

Approval of Minutes:

Joe DeMarchi made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 1, 2012 for approval. Peter Bruscato seconded the motion, rest in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Account Balances:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 31,316.44
Savings Account Balance:	\$173,094.30
Grant Match Reserve:	\$ 53,912.00
Grant Improvement Reserve:	<u>\$ 94,513.40</u>
Total:	\$352,836.14

Bills to Pay:

Chronicle	\$146.59
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Peter Bruscato moved to accept treasurer's report, and pay the bills, seconded by Joe DeMarchi, all in favor.

Public Comment:

None.

Charter Revision Update

Joe DeMarchi attended the last meeting. The Willimantic Police Chief had her presentation on the police coming into the town. The Chief didn't plan to initially increase her staff, but might in the future. They handled over 20,000 calls in the city last year, and there were 800 in the town. She would be willing to meet with the three Fire Chief's. Randy Moore couldn't understand why the city residents could vote on this issue when it affects Windham residents. Diane stated the city can vote because the Town Charter stated public safety is for the Town of Windham, not just the Service District. Elaine suggested the Town's portion to pay for the service should be based on the number of calls they have. Diane said she will ask the Police chief to come to the December meeting.

Guilford Smith Memorial Library

Afron Seal gave her report. She was approached by the Post Office with the idea of housing the post office boxes at the library because the South Windham post office may be closed. Joe DeMachi asked

Afron if she had an attorney to work with on this issue. She does, and she wants to have a meeting with the surrounding people in town about it.

Windham Free Library

No report given.

Windham Youth Organization

No report given.

Elaine Rogers Update on 3 Windhams

The new boat was shown off at the last meeting and looks very good.

South Windham Fire Department

No report given.

Windham Center Fire Department

Lloyd Niles read the October report. Diane thanked the Chief for the great communication with her regarding storm Sandy.

North Windham Fire Department

John Wylie read the October report. Diane thanked Chief Wylie on his communication with her on storm Sandy.

Old Business

Diane confirmed with the Chief's that the town was all set with the flags for the fire hydrants.

Diane will follow up on the Route 203 tree issue when asked for an update by Joe DeMarchi.

New Business

Diane will forward the 2014 calendar to the Directors for their review. John Wylie commented on the police coverage for the town. He thought it could potentially be a good idea, but right now there is no merit to it without the cost information. Diane agreed and said the town taxes will go up, and that the Committee needs to nail down the cost before deciding anything. Joe DeMarchi would like to know how much the mill rate would increase for three state troopers.

Public Comment

There's been lots of concern with Camp Horizons. Zoning and Planning are looking at the statues. If any citizens have concerns they can contact Matthew Vertefeuille.

George Gillette asked for an update on the Dispatch Center. Town Council member, Tony Fantoli asked for an update from the Public Safety committee and the Town Manager, but has not received anything.

Diane and the three Chief's sat down with the Town Manager regarding the center. There wasn't much discussion because Neal had too many questions regarding the switchboard.

Adjournment

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn at 2025 hrs, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White
Clerk