

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

Monday December 2, 2013

Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:**

President Diane Rayhall called the monthly meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1905 hours.

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

**Approval of Minutes November 4, 2013:**

Elaine Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 4, 2013 for approval. Ted Colwell seconded the motion, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

Account Balances:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 31,818.21
Savings Account Balance:	\$123,662.95
Grant Match Reserve:	\$ 63,912.00
Grant Improvement Reserve:	<u>\$ 120,193.40</u>
Total:	\$339,586.56

Bills to Pay:

None

George Gillette moved to accept treasurer's report, Elaine Rogers seconded, all in favor.

**Guilford Smith Memorial Library**

Afron Seal gave the November report. She stated they are looking for a new assistant. The carpet is over 60 years old and is currently fraying and some people with allergies have a problem with it. She has gotten 5 bids for new carpet and they are all around \$5,000. Diane asked her to make copies for the Board to discuss in January.

**Windham Free Library**

Barbara McClintock read the September and November report. She stated the Dr. Hunt's building had a tarp on its roof. Last roof was improperly installed. They went to the Connecticut Historical Commission to see if they could change the roofing material, but they were told they couldn't. They are looking at getting 3 bids to replace roof.

**Windham Youth Organization**

Greg Job read a recap of the past season. The affiliation with the Cal Ripkin group went well. Their field renovations are better and they will start registrations in February.

**Discussion and approval of 2014 dates**

Diane asked to change December 1 to December 8 because in the first week the Carey's hold a Christmas party for the firefighters. Elaine Rogers moved to accept the 2014 meeting dates, AnnMarie White seconded, all in favor.

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

At their last meeting, there was discussion on the thermal imaging cameras and they will meet with JD Eastman on the proposed racetrack. They have not a set a date for their next meeting.

### **South Windham Fire Department**

John Chapman read the November report.

### **Windham Center Fire Department**

Lloyd Niles read the November report. Joshua Niles said the Windham Center tree lighting and parade went well.

### **North Windham Fire Department**

John Wylie read the November report. Diane asked what the cost of the new hose was. For a 5 inch hose it is roughly \$800 a length.

Diane said the Lions Club was willing to donate toward the cost of the imaging cameras.

### **Old Business**

Chief John Wylie handed out information on the imaging cameras the fire departments were interested in. They are the Bullard T4 which has a better view and is smaller than the ones they currently have. They are 4 pounds in weight, and can submerge in water. The use of triple color imaging is what really sold them. The cost for one camera is \$13,999 and there is a two year warranty on them, and the lifespan is ten years. Their existing cameras were bought in the early 1990's and they can no longer get parts for them. He is asking for one this year, and three next year.

Jan asked if bought in quantity, would the cost be less, John said it didn't matter on the quantity, the cost wouldn't change.

Peter asked John if they looked at a smaller version, like something that clipped to their jacket. John said the officers did look at the smaller version, but preferred the bigger ones, but he can run it by the departments again. Helene Chapman said the smaller cameras cost about \$1,500 less. She would prefer to go with three larger cameras now, and then discuss the use of the smaller ones for next year.

George Gillette made a motion to go forth and research to get finalized at the next meeting for three cameras, Elaine Rogers seconded, all in favor.

### **New Business**

Diane asked for preliminary budgets at the January meeting.

### **Public Comment**

George Gillette asked Diane to find out how the ambulance was paid for. He learned that people manning the ambulance may be called to go to a fire call. He wants to make sure if Town paying for an ambulance, someone is there. Diane asked John Chapman when the next switchboard meeting was, and he said January 6.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn at 2031 hrs, seconded Ted Colwell, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White  
Clerk