

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

Monday December 3, 2012

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

President Diane Rayhall called the monthly meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1901 hours.

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

Approval of Minutes November 5, 2012:

Elaine Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 5, 2012 for approval. Peter Bruscatto seconded the motion, all in favor.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes held November 5, 2012:

Peter Bruscatto made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 5, 2012 for approval. Joe DeMarchi questioned if there was any kind of rebate on old parts of bottles, and Chief Niles said there wasn't any. George Gillette seconded the motion, all in favor, Elaine Rogers abstained.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Account Balances:

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| Checking Account Balance: | \$ 31,316.44 |
| Savings Account Balance: | \$174,865.91 |
| Grant Match Reserve: | \$ 53,912.00 |
| Grant Improvement Reserve: | <u>\$ 94,513.40</u> |
| Total: | \$354,607.75 |

Bills to Pay:

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| Shipman's Fire Equip. | \$ 18,120.00 |
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Elaine Rogers moved to accept treasurer's report, and pay the bill, George Gillette seconded. Joe DeMarchi noticed the invoice stated the wrong amount of bottles, so he made an amendment to the motion to not pay the invoice until it was corrected. Elaine Rogers moved to accept the treasurer's report, and pay the invoice once corrected, seconded by George Gillette, all in favor.

Public Comment:

Diane Rayhall welcomed Tony Fantoli and Anita Sebestyen to the meeting. Elaine Rogers presented Diane Rayhall with a gavel that her parents Norman and Lois Wolf donated to the Board.

Discussion and Action for 2013 Calendar:

Diane Rayhall presented the Board with the 2013 meeting dates. She noted the March 18th meeting was just in case it was needed for budget discussions. Diane thanked Chief Jon Wylie for the use of the North Windham Fire house for some of the Taxing District's meetings. Elaine Rogers made a motion to accept the 2013 meeting dates, George Gillette seconded, all in favor.

Charter Revision Update

Dawn Niles was not in attendance to give an update. Diane Rayhall stated she made a mistake that the vote for Charter Revision was not in May, but in November.

Guilford Smith Memorial Library

No report given.

Windham Free Library

No report given.

Windham Youth Organization

Greg Job is now the new President of the organization. This past year WYO collaborated with the Norwich PAL organization, they came to Windham, and Windham played in Norwich. They are looking to do more collaborating in the future. Registration will start in February. There was a drop in the numbers of the older kids, while there was an increase in the younger kids registering to play. The renovations that will need to be done will be to the picnic tables and bleachers.

Elaine Rogers Update on 3 Windhams

The meeting was cancelled.

South Windham Fire Department

Helene Chapman read the November report. She was reminded that we still need October's report. Helene stated they have a current fundraiser to raise \$2,500 for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization. They had until December to raise the money.

Windham Center Fire Department

Lloyd Niles read the November report. There was no light parade held. The department is in the process of changing the Christmas tree lights to LED lights or the tree lighting next year.

North Windham Fire Department

John Wylie read the November report. Diane asked if all the hydrant flags were put up. Chief Niles was going to get is on this coming week.

Old Business

Diane stated the Willimantic Police Chief was coming to the January meeting for a question and answer session. The State Police have not gotten back to Diane with the cost of three troopers.

New Business

Diane asked Chief Niles what happened with the light parade. He stated that the Recreation department had no money for it. Joshua Niles has a meeting setup with the Recreation department and the Mayor to discuss further and get the parade put on their agenda from now on. George Gillette noted that the Taxing District was not setup to support an endeavor like this. George also asked for an update on the dispatch center. Tony Fantoli has heard nothing from the Public Safety Committee.

Diane asked the departments to start getting their budget material together so the Board can start reviewing in January. Victor Rayhall and Helene Chapman will head up the Director's committee.

Tony Fantoli said there was to be a public forum on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration/Finance Committee to solicit names for the new Magnet School. The Board of Finance came up with a list of questions regarding Natchaug School and is scheduled to tour the

school. No action will be taken on the school renovations until the questions have been answered.

Public Comment

Elaine asked Helene Chapman how much money they had raised for their fundraiser. She stated \$650. George Gillette said that a finance person should come when the Chief of Police attends the next Taxing District meeting. Diane said she would ask if Tom Pesce would be available. Helene Chapman was concerned about the police covering the Town without an increase in manpower. Diane said the Chief was going to re-organize her manpower. Peter Bruscato said the city police had a lots of questions on this issue since there will be a big change in their workload. John Wylie felt the Charter Revision Committee was not the committee that should be discussing this matter. He thought a sub-committee should be researching the police issue. Joe would still like to know what the cost of three State troopers would be.

Adjournment

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn at 2000 hrs., seconded by Joseph DeMarchi, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White
Clerk