

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT
Monday March 5, 2012
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, Jan Mott, Elaine Rogers, Ted Colwell, Donald Potter, Peter Bruscato, Mark Herrick and AnnMarie White.

Approval of Minutes February 6, 2012:

Elaine Rogers moved to accept the regular meeting minutes dated February 6, 2012; Donald Potter seconded the motion, rest in favor.

Approval of Special Meeting held on February 6, 2012:

Elaine Rogers moved to accept the special meeting minutes dated February 6, 2012; Mark Herrick seconded the motion, Peter Bruscato abstained, rest in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Account Balances:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 57,621.57
Savings Account Balance:	\$138,000.05
Grant Match Reserve:	\$ 48,912.00
Grant Improvement Reserve:	<u>\$ 95,413.40</u>
Total:	\$339,947.02

Bills to Pay:

WSFCA-911 Dispatch	\$ 29,490.00
So. Windham FD	\$ 52,380.00
No. Windham FD	\$ 56,379.00
Windham Center FD	\$ 57,960.00
Guilford Smith Library	\$ 14,000.00
Windham Free Library	\$ 14,000.00
Chronicle	\$ 392.02
Pollard Water Co.	\$ 1,957.50
Aire_Deb Corp	<u>\$ 39,865.00</u>
Total:	\$266,423.52

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

Public Comment:

None

Guilford Smith Memorial Library/ Budgets

Afron Seal gave her February report and handed out their proposed budget with no increase. later Diane also asked if the checking account balance included the last check given from the WFTD and Afron said it did not.

Diane asked if there was any Public Comment on the budget, there was none.

Windham Free Library / Budgets

Carol Withington read the February report and their proposed budget with no increase. Diane asked if there was any Public Comment on the budget, there was none.

Windham Youth Organization / Budgets

Greg Job presented the budget. They have a slight increase to their budget. They plan on renovating two fields so they increased their Building and Maintenance account. There was no public comment on the budget.

Update on Three Windham Volunteer Fire Departments

Elaine Rogers said the fire departments went over the equipment that was in and out of service. They also discussed a plan to help recruit new firefighters.

South Windham Fire Department/Budgets

Chief John Chapman read the February report and submitted their budget. This year's budget has a 2.2% increase, amounting to \$134,982. There was no public comment when asked.

Windham Center Fire Department/Budgets

Chief Lloyd Niles read the February report. Joshua Niles provided the budget with 1.9% increase, amounting to \$147,711. There was no public comment when asked.

North Windham Fire Department /Budgets

Chief John Wylie read the February report. He submitted their 2012-2013 budget totaling \$143,766 which calculates to a 2% increase from last year's budget. There was no public comment when asked.

Old Business

Helena Chapman gave a reminder of the Heartsafe CPR courses. She did put the information in the paper.

Diane Rayhall is still working with Tom Pesce on the grant money regarding the traffic tickets and will be bringing the information to the Board of Finance and will get back on the total dollar amount.

New Business

None

Public Comment

Bill Rood, a member of the Charter Revision Committee gave an update of their discussions. He stated they have met four times and the issue of police in the Windham villages has come up. Diane Rayhall had a conversation with another member, Dawn Niles, and she told they were discussing the option of a town wide police department. Chief John Wylie asked what would happen to the fire coverage if the property line was moved into North Windham. Bill Rood wasn't sure, but knew the Taxing District will lose revenue if the line was moved. Jeff Wrana asked him if there was anything that could be done now, but Bill Rood thought it was still early in the discussion process. He will report back to Board on a regular basis to keep them informed. Elaine Rogers said we could add the Charter Revision updates as a new line item on the agenda. Peter Bruscato stated that the Willimantic Fire Department really doesn't want to take on more area. Diane Rayhall stated the Windham First Taxing District is solid. Only the Directors can dissolve. Elaine Rogers stated she will fight for the District. Jan Mott stated if current budgets get voted in, the mill rate would drop to 1.56 from 1.6 because of the grand list increasing. Diane Rahall stated Victor Rayhall will work with Anita Sebestyen in recruiting people to serve on the Windham First Taxing District board.

Adjournment

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn at 2003 hrs, seconded by Mark Herrick, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White
Clerk