

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT
Monday April 1, 2013
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

President Diane Rayhall called the monthly meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1907 hours.

Diane reminded people to register with registrar of voters.

The following members were present: Diane Rayhall, Jan Mott, Elaine Rogers, George Gillette, Peter Bruscato, Ted Colwell, Joseph DeMarchi and AnnMarie White. 36 people attended.

Approval of Minutes March 4, 2013:

Elaine Rogers moved to accept minutes dated March 4, 2012; Peter Bruscato seconded the motion, rest in favor.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes March 18, 2013:

Elaine Rogers moved to accept minutes dated March 4, 2012; George Gillette noted correction to the North Windham Scot bottles listed as a 445 type, should be 4.5 type. Peter Bruscato moved to accept minutes with correction; Elaine Rogers 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:	\$ 51,852.20
Savings Account Balance:	\$149,512.35
Grant Match Reserve:	\$ 53,912.00
Grant Improvement Reserve:	<u>\$ 94,513.40</u>
Total:	\$349,789.95

Bills to Pay:

Chronicle	\$ 383.47
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Elaine Rogers moved to accept treasurer's report, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi, all in favor.

Public Comment:

Joe DeMarchi asked what account the cost of the Scot bottles came out of. Jan Mott stated they were taken from the Grantee Improvement Fund account.

Discussion of Proposed Budget

Diane Rayhall asked if there were any discussion of the proposed budget, there was none.

Vote on Guilford Smith Memorial Library Budget \$40,000

Motion made on the floor by Elaine Rogers to vote on Guilford Smith Memorial Library budget for \$40,000, seconded by Peter Bruscato. Jeff Wrana asked how much the budget increased, and Diane stated it was a 0% increase.

Diane Rayhall explained how to vote by signifying by raising hands. Vote was:

30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained; motion passes.

Vote on Windham Free Library Budget \$41,200

Dawn Niles made motion to pass the \$41,200 budget, seconded by Elaine Rogers.

Vote was: 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions; motion passes.

Vote on Windham Youth Organization Budget \$14,000

George Gillette made motion to pass the \$14,000 budget, seconded by Jon Wylie. Vote was: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and motion passed.

Vote on Windham Center Fire Department Budget \$154,711

George Gillette made motion to pass the \$154,711 budget, seconded by Peter Bruscato. Vote was: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and motion passed.

Vote on South Windham Fire Department Budget \$141,744

George Gillette made motion to pass the \$141,744 budget, seconded by John Wylie. No discussion brought forth. Vote was: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and motion passed.

Vote on North Windham Fire Department Budget \$151,136

Peter Bruscato made motion to accept the \$151,136 budget, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi. Vote was: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and motion passed.

Vote on General Budget

Elaine Rogers made motion to accept the general budget of \$816,844, seconded by Ted Colwell. Nancy Thorpe asked why \$1 for police in budget and has there been any discussions with police protection. Diane explained by keeping \$1 in budget, a cost for a trooper could be added. She explained her discussions with Sgt. Powers regarding the cost of a state trooper, versus the cost of Willimantic police. John McGrath asked what the Grantee Improvement fund was for. Diane explained that it was used for emergencies. Joe DeMarchi asked why the office supplies line item was increased. Diane stated the increase was due to the clerk's and her cost of doing correspondence for the Taxing District. Vote was: 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and motion passed.

Vote on Mill Rate .00156

Elaine Rogers made motion to pass the mill rate of .00156, seconded by George Gillette.

Vote was: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, and motion passed.

Recommendation of Nominating Committee

Helene Chapman stated that the nominating committee submitted eight names to the President and they didn't receive any phone calls of anyone interested.

Nomination of Officers and Directors

Asked if there were any nominations on the floor, there were none.

Election of Officers and Directors

Helene Chapman read the following names:

Diane Rayhall – President
Ted Colwell – Vice President
Jan Mott – Treasurer
AnnMarie White – Clerk
Elaine Rogers – Director
George Gillette – Director
Peter Bruscato – Director
Joseph DeMarchi - Director

Dawn Niles made a motion to accept the nominations; John Wylie seconded it. Vote was: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, and motion passed.

Swearing in of Officers and Directors

The Board of Directors was sworn in by Attorney Nicholas Keeple.

Appointment of Attorney Nicholas Keeple

George Gillette made motion to accept the appointment of Attorney Nicholas Keeple, seconded by Elaine Rogers. Vote was: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, and motion passed.

Authorization of Bank Signatures

It was stated that Jan Mott, Ted Colwell and Diane Rayhall were authorized for bank signatures. Dawn Niles made a motion to authorize the three Directors named for bank signatures, Elaine Rogers seconded, all in favor.

Vote was: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, and motion passed.

Authorization of Auditor from Shane, Navratil, & Co

Helene Chapman made a motion to authorize auditor Shane, Navratil, & Co., Elaine Rogers seconded. Vote was: 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, and motion passed.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The May meeting will be held at the North Windham Fire Department. The status of the Magnet School will be given by Tom DeVivo.

Public Comment

John McGrath asked if the Windham First Taxing District could have a discussion with DOT about making Route 203 a no passing zone. He suggested stating that it is an historical section if this would help. Diane will e-mail Dawn Niles to coordinate meeting with State Representative Sue Johnson and DOT.

Adjournment

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn at 1930 hrs, seconded by Joe DeMarchi, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White
Clerk