

Windham First Taxing District~ Special Annual Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2015, 7 p.m.

Windham Center Fire Department

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

Members present were: Diane Rayhall, Helene Chapman, Dawn Niles, Jan Mott, Elaine Rogers, Theodore Colwell, Bill Powers, Joseph DeMarchi, and Peter Bruscato were present.

Motion made by Dawn Niles to appoint Diane Rayhall moderator for the meeting, seconded by Elaine Rogers. Motion accepted.

Approval of the Minutes dated March 2, 2015 ~ Motion made by Dawn Niles to accept the minutes with correction to March 4 changed to March 2, 2015 and replacing Bill Powers with Dawn Niles for speaking about tax abatement, seconded by Elaine Rogers. Motion accepted unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes dated April 6, 2015~ Motion made by Elaine Roger to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill powers. Motion accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report~ Jan Mott presented the treasurer's report noting no bills for the month. We have spent \$653,686.45 of our \$825,742.00 budget to date. He also presented a list of account balances, as follows:

Checking	\$37,875.77
Operations Savings	\$103,848.40
Reserve Grantee Improvement	\$116,361.01
Reserve Grant Match	\$63,912.00
Total	\$321,997.18

Theodore Colwell made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Elaine Rogers. Motion accepted unanimously.

Public Comment ~

Dawn Niles advised that there would be no money designated to the Town General Budget for the Dispatch Center this year. She also advises that Eastern CT Firemen's Training School would be receiving only \$25,000.00, in the past it has received \$160,000.00. With these cuts it will cost each department \$2,000.00. They would be only able to send 1-2 firefighters to Firefighter I.

Discussion on proposed budgets ~ None

Registrar of Voters advises 38 registered voters present.

Vote on Windham Youth Organization Budget ~ Motion made by Bill Powers to accept the \$14,000.00 budget, seconded by Elaine Rogers. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Vote on Guilford Smith Library budget~ Motion made by Elaine Rogers to accept the \$42,840.00 budget, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Vote on Windham Free Library budget ~ Motion made by Lloyd Niles to accept the \$43,435.00 budget, seconded by Bill Powers. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Vote on Windham Center Fire Department budget ~ Motion made by Theodore Colwell to accept the \$165,462.00 budget, seconded by Bill Powers. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Vote on South Windham Fire Department budget ~ Motion made by Afton Seal to accept the \$157,567.00 budget, seconded by Tony Fantoli. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Vote on North Windham Fire Department budget ~ Motion made by Patrick Farley to accept the \$160,746.00 budget, seconded by Peter Bruscato. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Vote on the General Budget ~ Motion made by Elaine Rogers to accept the \$853,538.00 budget, seconded by Patrick Farley. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Vote on the Mill Rate 0.001860 ~ Motion made by Michelle Maclure to set the mill rate at 0.001860, seconded by Dawn Niles. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Recommendation from the Nominating Committee ~ Helene Chapman presented the report from the Nominating Committee. The following is the recommendation for the 2015-2016 year.

Board of Directors –

Peter Bruscato	Helene Chapman	Theodore Colwell
Joseph DeMarchi	Jan Mott	Dawn Niles
Bill Powers	Diane Rayhall	Elaine Rogers

Administrative –

President Diane Rayhall
Vice President Elaine Rogers
Clerk Helene Chapman
Treasurer Jan Mott

Elections of Officers and Directors ~

Motion made by Stanley Maclure to accept the recommendation from the Nominating Committee and elect as officers and directors, seconded by Dawn Niles. Discussion held. Joseph DeMarchi questioned if Theodore Colwell would be running for Vice President, he stated no. Motion accepted. (36 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions)

Additional registered voter arrived.

Appointment of Attorney Nicholas Kepple ~ Motion made by Dawn Niles to appoint Nicholas Kepple District Attorney for 2015-2016, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi. Motion accepted unanimously. (39 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Authorization of Bank Signatures ~ Motion made by Theodore Colwell to authorize Diane Rayhall, Elaine Rogers and Jan Mott for bank signatures. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Authorization of Auditors from Shane, Navratil & Co. ~ Motion made by Elaine Rogers to authorize Shane, Navratil and Co. as the auditors for the district, seconded by Bill Powers. Motion accepted unanimously. (38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

Old ~ President Rayhall thanked all who attended the Board of Finance meeting. Dawn Niles suggested forming an Ad-Hoc committee to look into paying of services.

Helene Chapman thanked Theodore Colwell, outgoing Vice President for his many years of service to the Windham First Taxing District.

Dawn Niles recommended that everyone write to the Legislature to voice their concern over the 425,000.00 no being adequate for firefighter training. It can be accomplished over the cga.ct.gov website.

New ~ None

Public Comment ~

Stanley Maclure spoke about the progress on Windham Center Fire Department's building.

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Powers. Motion accepted and meeting adjourned at 1931 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Helene E. Chapman

Clerk, W.F.T.D.