

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT
Monday May 6, 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.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Elaine Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes dated April 1, 2013; George Gillette 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:	\$ 51,159.61
Savings Account Balance:	\$149,512.35
Grant Match Reserve:	\$ 53,912.00
Grant Improvement Reserve:	<u>\$ 94,513.40</u>
Total:	\$349,097.36

Bills to Pay:

Chronicle	\$ 692.59
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Elaine Rogers moved to accept treasurer's report, and pay the bill, seconded by Peter Bruscato, all in favor.

Magnet School Update by Tom DeVivo

School progressing, generators, fire hydrants, and water lines are in. School is scheduled to open on time on 8/23/13. Pete from the construction company said they are installing the finishes, putting in flooring, desks, and aquariums.

Tom said a flashing yellow light will be installed along with two 'Entering School Zone' signs that are lighted by solar lights. There are gates at 141 Tuckie Road for the fire trucks to use.

There will be a track, and multi-purpose field. The roof will contain solar panels, and there will be a wind turbine, not for power, but used for a learning tool for the science technology.

Resident Janet Brunton asked if the wind turbine would be noisy, Tom thought it would not be.

Tony Fantoli asked if the fencing was going to be installed around the whole school. He didn't want any kids by the pond on his property.

The principal Jeff Whibley talked about how the kids would get to the school. The majority of the children would be bused in, with a small percentage walking. The time the children would be at the school would be between 8 and 4 in the afternoon. There will be a clock in front of the

school, which should be quiet. Michelle McClure asked if 20% of students were from out of town. He anticipated filling the out of town seats, but not in the first year. The first year will be all Windham students for just K through 2nd grade and 5th and 6th grades. Mansfield declined to join the district. In the third year, when the school is fully staffed, is when the State will look at the 20% out of town portion. The school has a transitional partner, Eastconn, who has an MOU for two years. They are helping with the transportation and advertising for hiring the staff. Elaine Rogers asked if the school only has one town attending, does the town have the right to say no to the partners. Jeff said the town could say no to the partners. The cost for a student to attend is \$4,500 annually. Afron Seal asked if sidewalks were going to be built. This cost was too expensive and Jeff doesn't see it happening. She also asked if one child is attending, do their siblings get in too. Jeff explained that if your child enters kindergarten, then the siblings are automatically in. Victor Rayhall asked about police protection. There would be security on staff and there is a security system installed. Elaine Rogers asked if the glass in front of the building was bullet proof. It is not, but the glazing on the window makes it tough to break. Janet Brunton asked if there will be fire drills. Fire drills will happen ten times a year. If you see a fire truck, then it is a real fire. Peter Bruscato asked if there was access for the ambulance. Jeff stated the front entrance, the back gates and the fields were ambulance accessible. He also noted there will be a full time RN at the school. Michelle McClure is concerned about the discipline. Jeff stated if there is a behavior problem, the child will be expelled. Janet Brunton asked if anyone will be there at night. There will be a second shift janitor there until 10:00 p.m. Tony Fanolti stated that he was told that the surrounding homes were given priority to have their children attend the school, so this would increase their property values. Jeff was not aware of this.

Guilford Smith Memorial Library

Afron Seal gave the April report. The library had over 100 people attend their Easter egg hunt. Circulation and story-time attendance is up.

Windham Free Library

No report given.

Windham Youth Organization

No report given.

Elaine Rogers Update on 3 Windhams

It was a very short meeting with nothing to report.

South Windham Fire Department

John Chapman read the April report.

Windham Center Fire Department

Lloyd Niles read the April report. Diane asked that he give a copy of his incident report to each Director.

North Windham Fire Department

John Wylie read the April report.

Old Business

Diane and Dawn Niles have not connected with DOT yet to discuss the passing zone on Route 203. John Wylie said there have been no occurrences there so it may be hard to get.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

Town Councilman, Tony Fantoli said there is discussion about consolidating the Board of Finance and the town's Finance department. Diane asked John Chapman if there were any news regarding the switchboard. He said there was nothing to report.

Adjournment

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn at 2025 hrs, seconded by Peter Bruscato, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White
Clerk