

Windham First Taxing District~ Regular Meeting

Monday, June 1, 2015, 7 p.m.

Windham Center Fire Department

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

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

Approval of the Minutes dated May 4, 2015 ~ Motion made by Elaine Rogers to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Powers. Motion accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report~ Jan Mott presented the treasurer's report noting one bill for the month for The Chronicle \$455.93. We have spent \$654,142.18 of our \$825,742.00 budget to date. He also presented a list of account balances, as follows:

Checking	\$37,420.04
Operations Savings	\$103,858.96
Reserve Grantee Improvement	\$116,361.01
Reserve Grant Match	\$63,912.00
Total	\$321,552.01

Joseph DeMarchi questioned the balances and where does the bank interest go. Jan Mott explained that the interest goes back into the accounts. Peter Bruscato questioned if the tax abatement and the workers' compensation had been paid. Also what the gap in the administration budget was from. Jan Mott advised that the gap was due to tax collections bills.

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

Public Comment ~

Bill Powers questioned if the libraries overlapped their hours of operation to make sure libraries are available to the community. If not that it should be something discussed between the libraries.

Guilford Smith Library ~

Afton Seal presented the monthly report noting that there will be 41 programs for this summer. She also noted South Windham 2nd Saturdays will run from July to January, which start at 10:30 a.m. These will spotlight local businesses. (See report)

Windham Free Library ~

Carol Santa Lucia presented the monthly report. She advised that Book Hunter's meets at Douglas Manor monthly and is open to all residents of Douglas Manor. There were 25 class visits from Windham Center School that started April 8th. There are 6 more visits currently planned. Carol also noted upcoming events. Jazz in the Garden is planned for September 13th from 3-6 p.m. (See report)

Report from WYO (Windham Youth Organization) ~ None

Report from Elaine Rogers / Windham Fire Departments Liaison ~

Elaine Rogers stated that Region 4 EMS Representative Mike Rivers attended the meeting and training was discussed. Also discussed was EMT training at the National and State levels.

Discussion regarding contract for Switchboard (911 Dispatch Center) ~

Chief Lloyd Niles (President for WSFCA) presented a draft contract. It is a basic contract 5 year renewable. He noted that there is a \$5,000.00 membership fee that everyone pays and then prorated per call. The membership fee was dropped from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00 due to the Association adding another department to dispatch. This made the Association a “regional center” instead of a “multi town center”. Chief Niles stated that the Association was trying to attract others towns as well. Bill Powers and Joseph DeMarchi both questioned the flat rate for the Windham Hospital Paramedic Service. Chief Niles explained that it has been a flat rate since they started. Several questions arose regarding payroll services, who actually signed the Town contract, and whether there was a penalty clause in the contract Brief discussion was held. The contract will be reviewed by Barbara McGrath. This item will be sent to the September agenda.

South Windham Fire Department ~

Chief Patrick Farley presented the report noting (79) calls for the month of May with (9) being mutual aid and (58) being automatic aid. There were (4) training sessions for the month. See attached report.

Windham Center Fire Department ~

Chief Lloyd Niles presented the report noting (66) calls for the month of April (24) of them being mutual aid. There were (7) training sessions for the month. See attached report. He also presented his report for the month of May noting 77 calls (23) mutual aid and (5) training classes. See attached reports.

North Windham Fire Department ~

Chief Jeff Wrana presented the monthly report noting (65) calls for the month of April with (9) of them being mutual aid. There were (3) training sessions noted for April. See attached report. Joseph DeMarchi questioned the average turnout per call, Chief Wrana stated he had on average 5-6 per call depending on time of day.

Joseph DeMarchi also questioned South Windham Fire Department Chief Farley noted on average 3-5 also depending on time of day. Windham Center Fire Department Chief Niles noted 6-7 per call. He has 25 active members and 45-50 members total.

Old ~

Chief Wrana questioned the approval for the last (9) SCBA bottles, as they are due to expire the end of June. They are \$1,090.00 each, for a total of \$9,810.00. (Attached quote) A brief discussion was held regarding how many bottles each of the department’s need. Windham Center is complete and South Windham will need 12 by 2017 and that will leave one more for North Windham. There has already been appropriation of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of SCBA’s. We have spent \$23,650.00 of that appropriation, minus the \$9,810.00 we will spend for North Windham that will leave \$6,540.00 for South Windham, which will not be enough and will have to be taken from another account.

Motion made by Joseph DeMarchi to have North Windham Fire Department purchase (9) SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) from Shipmen’s Fire Equipment for a total of \$9,810.00, seconded by Bill Powers. Motion accepted unanimously.

Bill Powers gave an update of the signage for the two elementary schools. He has worked with the State and Joseph Gardner, Town Engineer; because of Federal Standards there was no need for a traffic study. CT Department of

Transportation will be putting up the signage with no cost to the Town. It will be "School Zone fines doubled". Bill Powers thanked Tony Fantoli, Windham Service District Representative for his help with the project.

New ~

Next meeting will be Mondya, September 14, 2015, 7 p.m. at Windham Center Fire Department.

Joseph DeMarchi questioned if the Tax Abatement had been sent to the town hall yet. President Rayhall explained that gets sent at the beginning of the year.

Bill Powers questioned if the ethics ordinance specifies which boards that it applies to. President Rayhall will check with Attorney Kepple. President Rayhall also reminded the board that all emails exchanged fall under "Freedom of Information".

Public Comment ~

Gene Chaine noted CGS. For in kind service with public hours was chapter 105/ section 7.300 state registry

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi. Motion accepted and meeting adjourned at 2050 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Helene E. Chapman

Clerk, W.F.T.D.