

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT
Monday June 4, 2012
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

President Diane Rayhall called the monthly meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1900 hours.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Elaine Rogers made a motion to table the minutes dated May 7, 2012 for approval; Joe DeMarchi 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:	\$ 60,331.77
Savings Account Balance:	\$138,109.88
Grant Match Reserve:	\$ 48,912.00
Grant Improvement Reserve:	<u>\$ 95,413.40</u>
Total:	\$342,767.05

Bills to Pay:

Chronicle	\$133.59
Town of Windham	\$28,884.07

Joe DeMarchi asked what the grantee improvement fund was for. Jan explained it's like a capitol improvement fund to be used for repair work. Joe asked why Grantee Improvement fund was a \$25,000 balance, when it was \$50,000 in the approved 2012-2013 budget. Jan explained he was looking at the report was for previous budget of 2011-2012.

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

Public Comment:

None.

Guilford Smith Memorial Library

Afron Seal gave the May report. The library made over \$1,000 on their book sale. They plan on attending Third Thursday. Their summer reading program and their home school program has started.

Windham Free Library

David Light gave the February report. Diane Rayhall attended the Board of Finance / Board of Education joint meeting. She heard that the libraries were to get kindles for the new reading program and suggested the libraries attend next meeting.

Windham Youth Organization

No report given.

Charter Revision Update

Nothing to report per Bill Rood.

Elaine Rogers Update on 3 Windhams

Work is progressing on purchasing a boat to be placed at South Windham. Working on a drill to evacuate Windham Center School in case of a fire and having children to walk to the fire department. Joe DeMarchi asked how the traffic will be stopped when the children cross the street. He suggested if the teachers were expected to stop traffic they should wear a special jacket. Chief Niles said the police gave the OK to have the children cross the street. He will have more information for the Board at the next meeting.

South Windham Fire Department

John Chapman read the May report.

Windham Center Fire Department

Lloyd Niles read the May report. He got a phone call saying the repeater system is installed at St. Joe's.

North Windham Fire Department

John Wylie read the May report. Diane asked how the carnival was. He hadn't received the final figures yet.

Grantee Improvement Fund Discussion

Diane made a suggestion to take the fund out of budget to keep the mill rate down. John Wylie gave a report as to what the fund should be used for. David Light stated this is to put something aside in place of an emergency. Joe DeMarchi handed out a replacement analysis sheet and explained how it worked. Peter Brucato stated if want or need later or if covered by insurance. They need to justify the need. You must need to explain to towns people. Joe asked when can make a change to the fund. Diane said at budget time. Discussion may take place at the next 3 Chief's meeting.

Old Business

Lloyd said one of his generators died. He will call the insurance company to see what is covered. Can't run the lights on that truck, but mutual aid can run the lights. Lloyd asked if there was further discussion on the dispatch center. Town Council is going to have a forum. Lloyd said the Windham First Taxing District should have a say in the matter since they pay into the center.

George Gillette is a dispatch member and heard rumors that Hebron or Chaplin might be interested in the center. Helene Chapman said the Chronicle articles hurt the center. They read that the contract is not finalized with the Town. Joe asked why the towns left. Helene said because of cost and not current technology in place. The dispatch center is now upgraded with the current technology and they aren't happy with their current service.

Diane stated she spoke with Attorney Keeple in regards to the District's position if an entity in the District were to close their door. He told her they were contracting with the District and the District was prohibited from owning property. Need to revisit.

New Business

New Magnet school changed their construction hours to 6 am to 6 pm.

Public Comment

David Light received a letter from a paranormal group wanting to investigate the library. He turned them down from investigating.

Adjournment

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn at 2043 hrs, seconded by Jan Mott, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White
Clerk