

3 WINDHAMS FIREFIGHTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

FIRST TAXING DISTRICT SUB-COMMITTEE / REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPT. 28, 2016 / 7:00 P.M.
WINDHAM CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Elaine Rogers at 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Bill Powers, Elaine Rogers, Pat Farley, John Wylie, R.J. Miles,
Jan Mott, and late arrival Ray Miles.

Approval of March meeting Jan Mott and seconded by John Wylie.

No public comment

Reread 3rd draft and made several changes to it removed some sections
and added some language. Removed #4, made #5, #4 & #5 respectively.
Removed #7 & made #8 #6 respectively. (See attached.) Motion to approve
changes brought by Elaine Rogers and seconded by John Wylie

No public comment.

Adjournment brought by Elaine Rogers and seconded by John Wylie at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine W. Rogers - Co-Chair

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AT 3:20 P.M.
ATTEST Patricia B. Spruay TOWN CLERK

Firefighter Incentives Sub-Committee

Taxing District Sub-Committee - Report to the Board (10/03/16)

The following are ideas that were discussed at committee meetings. All three Volunteer Fire Departments were represented during the discussions. The names of those who served on the Committee are found below.

1. Change the minimum number of calls attended by a volunteer (20% to 10%) in order to be eligible for the correspondingly prorated tax abatement. Thus a revised scale would appear as follows:

Yrs of Service	Percent of Abatement	20% Attendance Tax Abatement	10% Attendance Tax Abatement
2 to 4	25%	\$ 125.00	\$ 62.50
5 to 6	50%	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00
7 to 9	75%	\$ 375.00	\$ 187.50
10 or more	100%	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00

2. Change in terminology in the Town Ordinance tax abatement wording in SECTION 12-4(a), DEFINITIONS - from "EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)" to read "State Certified Emergency Services providers." This is presented in order to be more inclusive as terminology for levels of certified practice change.

3. Should a volunteer firefighter lose his/her life in the line of duty, the surviving spouse be provided with the same last abatement to which the firefighter was entitled on a continuing basis. This will remain in effect until the time of spouse's death or should the spouse no longer reside in town or remarry.

4. Abatement available to retired firefighters that have achieved abatement for at least 10 years at their last abatement figure upon time of retirement.

5. When an active member of one of the departments resides in another town, can something be done to provide comparable compensation to those living in Windham.

6. (g) "Application" - change so that abatement can be applied first based on the firefighter's choice.

Respectfully Submitted: Bill Powers, Elaine Rogers, John Wylie, Jan Mott, Pat Farley, Josh Niles, Ray Miles and R.J. Miles. (9/28/16)