

Windham First Taxing District~ Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2014, 7 p.m.

Windham Center Fire Department

President Diane Rayhall called the monthly meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1904 hours.

Members present were: Diane Rahall, Helene Chapman, Jan Mott, Elaine Rogers and George Gillette, and Joseph DeMarchi.

Approval of the minutes dated June 2, 2014 Special Meeting and June 2, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Elaine Rogers, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi to accept the minutes as presented. Motion accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report ~ Jan Mott presented the treasurer's report with the following account balances and bills to pay:

Checking	\$28,592.87	
Reserve Grant Match	\$63,912.00	
Savings	\$46,248.56	
Grantee Improvement reserve	\$116,361.01	
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Total of Account Balances	\$255,114.44	
Bills to Pay - HD Secur	\$5,969.00	insurance
Attorney Kepple	\$1,50.00	legal
WSFCA	\$29,647.00	911 dispatch
Wilcox & Reynolds	\$31,831.00	fire fighter incentive plan
Guilford Smith Lib.	\$5,200.00	carpet
Shane & Navratil	\$5,000.00	2013 audit
Total bills	\$79,147.00	

Total income to date \$119,839.01, we have spent \$68,947.00 of our \$825,742.00 budget. George Gillette questioned who the insurance company was for the district. He was advised that *Wilcox & Reynolds* was the agent for the district. Joseph DeMarchi questioned the bill for *Guilford Smith Library*. The Library paid the bill for the installation of the new carpeting and the *district* is reimbursing them.

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Motion made by Joseph DeMarchi to accept the report as read and pay the bills, seconded by Elaine Rogers. Motion accepted unanimously.

Public Comment ~

Gene Chaine from 275 Scotland Rd., Windham Center thanked the president and the district for arranging the meeting with the fire chiefs. Many of the concerns were addressed and answered. He also thanked Chief Niles, current president of the WSFCA (911 Dispatch) for allowing him to observe for 5 ½ hours. It was very enlightening.

Guilford Smith Library ~

Afton Seal presented her monthly report. She also thanked the *district* for the new carpeting that was installed in the library. The library was closed a total of 13 days for the updates. Afton stated that there would be programs three times a week. John Bokus installed a new A/C and Michele Maclure will be working on a new garden possibly Harry Potter themed.

They will be looking into a mold issue and having the boiler tuned up. Afton also discussed the Library Passport program for September. She also noted that after the audit was complete the library treasurer will be handling the payroll which is currently done by ADP. This will be done to cut cost. Joseph DeMarchi questioned if ADP did the direct deposit. Lengthy report attached.

Windham Free Library ~

Carol Santa Lucia advised that they have not yet started the reading program with the Windham Center Fire Department. She also stated that the library held its annual "Jazz in the Garden" on September 7th. A program regarding visiting with reptiles was also announced.

Report from WYO(Windham Youth Organization) ~

No representative.

Report from sub-committee on policing ~

Tony Fantoli (Windham Service District Representative) reminded everyone that there would be a public forum on September 22, 2014 at the Windham Center Fire Department to answer any questions that have risen. The committee will be looking for answers at the next Service District meeting on September 9, 2014.

Willimantic Police has presented a proposal of one officer on each shift to cover all three Windham Villages. Connecticut State Police proposal is for one trooper for a specified time to be determined by the WFTD. This would be in addition to the already assigned trooper that covers the Windham Service District now and the current troopers assigned to Windham Heights task force. If the WFTD chooses to contract with the Willimantic Police Department all current CT State Policing will end and they will move to mutual aid status. Lengthy discussion was held. The community was encouraged to attend all meetings to present questions for discussion and receive answers to questions.

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Report from Elaine Rogers / Windham Fire Departments Liaison ~

Elaine discussed the meeting with Mr. Chaine. She explained that the fire department budgets have fixed costs due to federal and DOT regulations with regards to testing and standards that need to be followed. At the July meeting training for July, August and September was discussed. Elaine also explained that the fire departments were concerned with the closing of the local CL & P building in Willimantic. This will lead to longer response times for the fire departments when they request assistance. August firefighter physicals and fire academy training was discussed.

South Windham Fire Department ~

Chief Patrick Farley presented the report noting (59) calls for the month of August with (33) being mutual aid. There were (6) training sessions for the month. See attached report. Chief Farley also announced the Annual BBQ for South Windham Fire Department will be September 27, 2014 with dining times set for 12-2 pm and 4-7pm. Joseph DeMarchi would like a better breakdown of mutual aid calls.

Windham Center Fire Department ~

Chief Lloyd Niles presented the report noting (75) calls for the month of July. There were (3) training sessions. Chief Niles also presented a report for August noting (61) calls with (13) of them being mutual aid. There were (6) training sessions. See attached report. Chief Niles invited all to attend the annual Firefighter Memorial on Sunday October 5, 2014 at 2 pm.

North Windham Fire Department ~

Chief Jeff Wrana presented the monthly report noting (54) calls for the month of June, (51) calls for the month of July and (37) for the month of August with (22) of them being mutual aid. There were (3) training sessions noted for June. (2) for the month of July and (3) for the month of August. Chief Wrana also announced the new line officers for the North Windham Fire Department. See attached report.

Old ~

President Rayhall questioned Chief Farley about the painting project for the South Windham Fire Department. Chief Farley explained that the painting should be done by the end of September. The interior painting and windows have been completed. SWFD President Michael Licata is the contact for the paint project and he has been in contact with the contractor. Joseph DeMarchi questioned why the project has taken so long. He said that according to his notes the contract was awarded February 2, 2012. Treasurer Mott advised that the painter has already been paid \$1,900. Discussion was held. Motion made by Joseph DeMarchi, seconded by George Gillette to have President Rayhall contact President Licata regarding the painting contract. Motion accepted, unanimously.

Charter Revision update:

Tony Fantoli presented a draft resolution for the Town Council.

New ~ None

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Michele Maclure Wadsworth Lane, South Windham expressed concerns over the Garden on the Bridge. She was almost hit by a dirt bike / moped while working on the gardens. She expressed concerns for the elderly and children. A letter was submitted to the police department about the concerns. Cpl. Stanly Parizo followed up on the letter. Tony Fantoli will follow up on the situation. George Gillette advised that after the letter was received there were patrol checks done on the bridge. Discussion on having the concerns addressed through the Public Safety / Public Works Committee.

Motion made by Elaine Rogers to adjourn, seconded by Joseph DeMarchi. Motion accepted and meeting adjourned at 2001 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Helene E. Chapman

Clerk, W.F.T.D.