

Special Meeting

Town Council Windham Service District

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
Windham Town Hall Auditorium**

Minutes

1. Call to order

Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council members present: Ernest S. Eldridge, Jerry Iazzetta, Mike Lessard and Kevin Donohue.

Staff present: Neal J. Beets

2. Citizens and Delegations

Jerry Iazzetta request that Mayor Eldridge obtain a legal opinion on whether or not the Mayor is part of the service district.

Dawn Niles, North Windham, informed the Council that she drives through North Windham everyday and noticed that most of the lights on the Route 6 bypass are turned off.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding future meeting dates

Iazzetta MOVED, Donohue seconded, to table item # 3. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eldridge referred to Don Muirhead, Executive Administrator/Personnel Director to report on what the Town Charter states the responsibility of the Windham Service District.

Don Muirhead explained what the Windham Service District responsibilities are per the Town Charter. He explained that is just like the Willimantic Service District, they are responsible for providing police and fire protection. They are responsible to adopt a yearly budget to cover the services. Mr. Muirhead referred to the decision on streetlights, which goes back a few years ago.

Kevin Donohue requested a legal opinion from the Town Attorney on the responsibilities of the Windham Service District. Would like to have the legal opinion for the next scheduled meeting.

5. Town Manager's Report

Ton Manager Neal J. Beets gave a update on the role of the Windham Service District. He spoke about consolidation, taxing districts under the state law, service districts per Town Charter and gave a brief history of the Willimantic Service District and their responsibility and the Windham Service District, which has deferred t o the Windham First Taxing District.

Mr. Beets informed the Council that he will be meeting with the First Taxing District and will give an update to the Council at the next meeting. He will also work with the Town Attorney to clarify some of the questioned raised regarding the role of the Windham Service District and the role of the Mayor.

- 3. Discussion and possible action regarding future meeting dates (Continued)**
Iazzetta MOVED, Lessard seconded, to hold the Windham Service District meetings on the following days: April 13, July 13, October 12, 2010 and January 11, 2011. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6. Future meeting agenda items**
 - a. Update on Town Managers meeting with the First Taxing District.
 - b. Update on Town Managers meeting with Town Attorney to clarify the powers of the Windham Service District
 - c, Legal opinion on role of Mayor and Town Manager in the Windham Service District.
 - d. Clarification on charter and statue pertaining to service district and taxing district.

- 7. Citizens and Delegations**
Lori Jeffers, Willimantic, mentioned that she was part of the Charter Revision Commission and they only have two-service district listed on the Town Charter, which does not include the First Taxing District.

- 8. Adjournment**
Iazzetta MOVED, Donohue seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted By:

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Town Council Clerk