

WINDHAM FIRST TAXING DISTRICT  
North Windham Fire Department  
Monday November 7, 2011  
Special District Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:**

President Diane Rayhall called the monthly meeting of the Windham First Taxing District to order at 1835 hours.

The following members were present: Diane Rayhall, Don Potter, Peter Bruscato, Elaine Rogers, Mark Herrick, Jan Mott, and AnnMarie White. A total of 25 Windham residents attended.

**Public Comment:**

Chief John Wylie of the North Windham Fire Department explained how the proposed Exhaust System would work. He handed out copies of the bids he received. His recommendation was for the Magnegrip system because this type of system would work best with the columns in the firehouse. This system had a 6 year warranty for parts and labor, while the bid for \$37,100 only had a 5 year warranty and they did not provide the electrical work. This portion of the work would have to be contracted separately. If there was a problem the Chief wanted to deal with one company instead of multiple ones. Don Potter asked how many trucks they had. Chief Wylie replied 5 total, 4 diesel and 1 gas. All 5 could be hooked up to the system. David Light asked what the other fire departments had. Chief John Chapman of South Windham said they had a similar system in place and was adequate. Chief Lloyd Niles of Windham Center said they had a home-made system and it was adequate for now. Chief Wylie said he had applied for a grant but due to the change in the specifications he was unable to get the funding since the department was not operational 24/7 and they didn't have paid fireman. Peter Bruscato asked if the system was filtrated. Chief Wylie said it wasn't. He looked for a lower maintenance type system. Annmarie White asked if this was an OSHA requirement. He said the department was not asked to get it done, but in the OSHA code book, it states new or newly renovated buildings must upgrade to this system. Cory McCam stated if OSHA required it, it wouldn't have to go through NFPA regulations. Donald Potter asked if he knew of anyone else that had this system in place. Chief Wylie stated Hebron had same company, but not the accordion type. He did get a list of others who had the system . Diane Rayhall read the wit and asked if any questions. Jan Mott said to change from contingency fund to the Grantee Improvement fund. Elaine Rogers made a motion to the Board to expend the funds for the Magnegrip Exhaust System , Peter Bruscato seconded. Victor Rayhall asked how much money was in the Grantee Improvement fund. Jan Mott stated \$111,335.90. Diane Rayhall asked to see a show of hand in favor, all in favor, motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Mark Herrick to adjourn at 1855 hrs, seconded by Peter Bruscato, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnnMarie White  
Clerk