

Kingston Fire District

Budget Workshop

February 12, 2009

Present: Wardens Elizabeth McNab and Lori Horton, Treasurer Thomas Vignali, Chief Nathan Barrington, from URI, Robert Drapeau and Vernon Wyman.

Not Present: Warden Don Cobb, Warden Vincent Rose, Warden John Oberle

Due to the fact that there were not enough wardens present for a quorum a discussion was held.

· Discussion began at 6:00 with Treasurer Vignali presenting Discussion Topics (attached). The topics were read aloud by Treasurer Vignali.

The following points were discussed:

Internal Fire District Wide Topics:

Ø Topic 1:

o In reading Treasurer Vignali further explained/added the question if the fire structure should remain the same over the next 10 years or

can or should some positions be eliminated.

o Warden Horton said this topic should be brought before the wardens.

Ø Topic 2: Brief discussion was held.

o Wardens McNab and Horton discussed they felt no need for a stipend.

o Warden Horton took it off the table ending the discussion.

Ø Topic 3: Discussion was held at length.

o Warden Horton brought up the question of the overlapping of Ladder Trucks with UFD. Chief Barrington explained need for the Ladder in both districts.

o Wyman brought up the question of the overlapping of Heavy Rescue. Chief Barrington gave explanation.

o Discussion was held regarding operational model change to limit equipment.

o Warden McNab ended discussion noting the need for it to be revisited.

Ø Topic 4 Office Manager Position: Brief discussion was held.

o Noting that this usually mirrors comparable position with URI. Information may be found on the URI website's Human Resource section.

Ø Topic 5 Health Insurance: Brief discussion was held.

External Fire District Topics:

Ø Topic 1: Discussion was held.

Ø Topic 2: Discussion was held.

o Drapeau requested a copy of the Draft of Future Expected Capital Expenditures (attached), which was then presented by Treasurer Vignali.

o Drapeau presented the question of why the building is not noted on the draft. Treasurer Vignali explained that will be on another report. Reports will be presented at the next Wardens' Meeting.

o Discussion was held regarding the tie between URI and KFD.

o Chief Barrington discussed grants briefly. Warden McNab noted

that it may become important to ensure getting future grants as expenses come up from previous equipment obtained through grants.

The discussion ended.

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Respectfully submitted,

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