

ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE WEST GLOCESTER FIRE DISTRICT

Date: June 20,2015

Time: 10:00 am

**West Glocester Station 1 2410 Putnam Pike
Chepachet, RI 02814**

The Annual meeting of the West Glocester Fire District was called to order at 10:00 am.

Quorum: 16 electors present

Board Present:

Bill Flynn Bill Reichert Jacob Bailey

Angela Taylor

Judy Booth

Nancy Bailey Sheryl Nelligan

Debra Piti

Stephen Mitchell-Moderator

Clerk's minutes from the 2014 annual meeting were presented. Motion Made by Brian McKay Jr and seconded by Tom Taylor to accept the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes as read. The motion passed: 16 yes votes

**Presented and read the following reports: Treasurer's Report
Tax Collectors Report Chiefs Report**

Motion made by Nancy Bailey and seconded by Tom Taylor to accept all the reports as read. Motion passed 16 yes votes.

Old Business : No old business

New Business: Review of the 2015/2016 budget per line item, was

open on the floor for discussion. No objection to expenditures for 2015/2016. New Budget Proposal 2015/2016 was presented for \$416,050 with no tax increase.

A motion to accept the budget for 2015/2016 was made by Judith Labutti seconded by Bob Booth, motion passed. 16 yes votes.

Simulcast system discussion by Bill Flynn, estimates that the total cost for all 3 districts is between \$250,000 to \$300,000. The new system will provide better coverage for radio communications.

Motion was made requesting approval for the WGFD to spend \$100,000 toward the simulcast system over a 3 year lease. There will be No added cost to the taxpayer. The first year will be \$30,000. The capital account has the funds put aside to pay for this system. Motion made by Tom Taylor and seconded by Judith Labutti to approve the simulcast system funding and going forward. 16 yes votes

It was put forth to the voters to change the by-laws and possibly the charter to make the Treasures/Tax Collectors position from and elected position to an employed position. At next year's annual meeting, the hours, salary and name of the position and requirements for the position, will be brought before the district voters for a vote to amend by-laws and Charter if necessary. Motion made by Judy Booth and seconded by Judith Labutti to approve the proposal for the by-law and charter change and whatever else needs to be done to make this happen and to bring it to the district voters, at the 2016 Annual meeting. 16 yes votes

The following Slate of Officers were presented for election:

BOD: WILLIAM FLYNN 3 yr term

Moderator: Stephen Mitchell

Treasurer: Angela Taylor

Tax Collector: Angela Taylor Clerk: Debra Piti

Tax Assessors: Nancy Bailey, Judy Booth, Sheryl Nelligan

No opposing slate was presented. Motion made by Tom Taylor to have Clerk cast one vote for the unopposed slate. Seconded by Emma Antonucci motion passed 16 votes.

Clerk cast her vote to accept the presented slate of officers. Floor was open to

General Discussion :

At this time there is no outstanding debt except for the Medic .A question was presented to the Deputy Chief about the status of equipment for the Fire district.

Brian McKay Jr explained that we have been replacing the old turn out gear and upgrading the Scott Air Pack Bottles from 30 minute to 60 minute. The Board feels the equipment which has been being replaced regularly is in good shape. The grant for the attack truck is in its second phase and will have no cost to the taxpayers. Waiting for a final determination from Grant committee.

Tanker 35 will be taken out service sometime in 2015 permanently,

because it is outdated and will be unable to be certified by NFPA in the future.

Angela Taylor is in the process of upgrading all the computer software.

These annual meeting minutes will be approved at the 2016 Annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn, made by Brian McKay Jr. and seconded by Jacob Bailey to adjourn

**Motion passed. 16 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED DEBRA PITI**

CLERK