

**MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING
OF THE
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

May 15, 2013

The Officers' Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by the Moderator, Michelle Vacca, at 4:32 p.m. on May 15, 2013.

Members present were: Mary Delisio, Leone D'Onofrio, Louis Misto, Frances Myszka, Russell Ryan, and Michelle Vacca. John Toscano, Solicitor, was also present. Absent were Bill Sisco and Dianne Vumback.

Louis began the discussion about recording meetings again as was done in the past.

A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to purchase another recorder.

VOTED: That the Board purchase another recorder. (Delisio, D'Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Vacca – Yes)

Louis – Informs the Board that R.I. Analytical is coming back on Friday, May 17 to readdress the asbestos issue. He also informs

Board that he notified the State. Russ questions this as he has a quote from another company to come look at asbestos issue. It was his understanding that he had Board approval to look into the matter and hire a different company.

Discussion.

John intervenes and states that a vote was made by Board at last meeting to hire another company to come in not R.I. Analytical. John also states that Louis does not have the authority to hire someone without Board approval. It was the consensus of the Board that Russ was given authority to find another company. Russ had received a proposal from CEI – Clean Environment Inc. to deal with asbestos issue. John states that CEI should be hired and that Louis should call and cancel R.I. Analytical. The quote Russ received was for \$350.00 and \$40.00 for each test. Louis agrees to cancel R.I. Analytical.

Discussion - Regarding roof repairs. John states that repairs were undertaken by Chief without Board approval. Pawcatuck Roofing was paid \$875.00 to repair leaks. Moderator asks John for legal clarification on who is responsible for the building –the Fire Station. John states that all building repairs should have come before the Board. Regarding building repairs, Michelle suggests that any amount under \$1000.00 can be made at the Chief's discretion. It is agreed that any repairs or improvements that will cost over \$1000.00 needs to go before Moderator and Board. This is in regard to the

building only. The Chief does not need approval for fire dept. items or safety equipment, etc.

Louis reports that the ceiling tiles will be replaced by firemen but, painters will be hired to paint grids, etc. Michelle states that she wants downspouts put back on building.

Michelle states that she wants the red trailer registered and the plate put on the boat trailer.

Michelle initiates discussion about housing of “ mule “ vehicle owned by Town at station. Questions liability issue. Asks whose insurance covers it. Louis offers to approach Town and ask to take title for use by Fire Dept. Leone suggests getting a release from Town freeing District from being liable if anything happens to it.

Discussion.

It is decided to leave situation as is and continue to allow Town to store “mule” at Fire Dept.

A motion was made by Leone D’Onofrio and seconded by Fran Myszka to leave old Town mule agreement in effect as is.

Discussion.

Russ wants to know if Town actually has insurance on “mule”.

VOTED: That the Board leave situation as is and continue to allow Town to store “ mule “ at Fire Dept. (Delisio, D’Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Vacca – Yes; Ryan – No.)

Motion passes.

Discussion.

Russ questions why the boat does not have MFD lettering on it yet. Wants it identifiable. Also asks if all safety lights have been installed. Louis answers that all lights meet Coast Guard requirements and that there is also a siren and bullhorn on board.

Tax Collector report

Collection status – not heard from 2 of 5 accounts. John will send 2nd letter out to give taxpayers 30 days to respond. If payment not received tax sale will be initiated.

Discussion by Michelle - regarding arrears accounts. Can we prevent taxpayers in arrears from purchasing parking passes?

Tax Assessor report

Leone has received a preliminary copy of 2013 assessments from Town.

Moderator report

Has received a quote of \$37,250.00 for fencing along the 3 beaches from Scott Carter Contracting. With the help of Leone and Russ, a wood covered vinyl fence has been chosen. Rails will be removable if storm is coming. This job does not have to go out to bid because repair falls under storm damage repair. John states that because it is an emergency situation and there are time constraints, it does not have to go to bid. We do have competitive quotes from others, though.

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Mary Delisio to "to accept the proposal based on the fact we have other proposals and this is best one based on quality and fitting need."

VOTED: That the Board accepts the proposal based on the fact we have other proposals and this is best one based on quality and fitting need. (Delisio, D'Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Vacca – Yes)

Louis would like documentation of proposals.

Discussion of maintenance plan for tractor. Louis wants training for

people using tractor.

Fran resigns after 3 years on Board. Michelle has authority to appoint a replacement to fill vacancy.

Louis states he would like to see another fireman on Board.

A motion was made by Michelle Vacca and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to accept Frances Myszka's resignation with regret.

VOTED: That the Board accept Frances Myszka's resignation with regret. (Delisio, D'Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Vacca – Yes)

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. all were in favor. The next scheduled board meeting will be prior to the Annual meeting of June 8, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Delisio
Tax Collector**