

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT
HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2013**

A Special Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was held at the Misquamicut Fire Station House, 65 Crandall Avenue, Misquamicut, Rhode Island on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. Written notification was provided by posting in three (3) locations within the District, by direct mail, and by notice in The Westerly Sun, a local newspaper publication.

The Special Meeting was called to order by Moderator Michelle Vacca at 10:04 a.m. Officers present at the meeting were the Moderator, Michelle Vacca, the District Clerk, Dianne Vumback, the Tax Collector, Mary Delisio, the Assessor, Leone D'Onofrio, Member at Large, Frances Myszka, and the District Solicitor, John P. Toscano, Jr., Esq. Members absent included the Fire Chief, Louis Misto, Treasurer, William Sisco, and Member at Large, Russell Ryan. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed for all deceased Fire District residents, namely Elizabeth Geversini and Paul Casey.

Dianne Vumback, District Clerk, read the Call of the Meeting. A copy of the Notice of Special Meeting is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Solicitor Toscano introduced all Fire District Officers after

explaining the filling of vacancies under our bylaws.

Moderator Vacca thanked all attendees and expressed her gratitude to be the acting Moderator of Misquamicut. She specifically thanked the first responders and firemen, as well as the MFD Board and Misquamicut Business Association. Her comment, “So our resolve will not be broken and we rebuild and we will come back” received a robust round of applause. The Moderator gave a comprehensive listing of accomplishments the district had made since the storms and Nor’easters of the season. She directed all residents to the powerpoint, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Questions were directed to wait until the completion of the presentation.

A discussion followed, prompted by questions and statements from the residents. A suggestion, by Scott Temple, was to do a one-time assessment. He encouraged the board to rebuild the right way and to do it right the first time.

Questions regarding the seawall, Weekapaug money, procedures for removing equipment, FEMA reimbursement, rebuilding of the dunes, insurance, recalculation of the tax assessment, were all answered. A Memorial Day Clean up for the Beaches was recommended to a resounding clapping of hands.

Leone D’Onofrio responds that we need approval today and that the

board is looking to do the best thing for the district, costing the least amount of money.

The tax assessor recommended to the residents that we pursue the special assessment via an ad valorem assessment rather than a one-time fee.

Discussion followed with suggestions from the taxpayers to use half of the existing sinking/storm fund which would equate to approximately \$269,000 to offset the estimated cost of \$500,000.

Bob Bragdon makes a motion to have a one-time assessment, seconded by Scott Temple.

Discussion follows.

Scott Temple amends motion:

To have a \$500 per household one-time assessment regardless to the value of the property, seconded by Bob Bragdon.

Discussion follows.

Scott Temple amends motion:

To have a one-time assessment, not to exceed \$500 per household, based upon the discretion of the board. Seconded by Ted Parla.

A discussion follows regarding flat fee, long term mortgage and tax rates.

Upon motion made and duly seconded to have a one-time assessment, not to exceed \$500 per household, based upon the discretion of the board, it was

VOTED: To have a one-time assessment, not to exceed \$500 per household, based upon the discretion of the board.

Motion passes.

Rocky Allen makes a motion that the board be given the authority to pursue existing resources and obtain financing as needed between now and September assessment or when funds are available this year, seconded by Ray Eldrige.

Discussion follows.

Motion withdrawn (do not need to vote).

The meeting concluded with comments of gratitude by the residents to the Board for their hard work and efforts in restoring the beaches.

The Moderator than entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting is hereby adjourned at
11:37 a.m.**

ADJOURNED.

A true copy, attest:

**Dianne T. Vumback,
MFD District Clerk**