

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

January 26, 2013

The Officers' Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by the Clerk, Dianne Vumback at 9:30 a.m. on January 26, 2013.

Members present were: Mary Delisio, Leon D'Onofrio, Louis Misto, Frances Myszka, Russ Ryan, William Sisco, Michelle Vacca and Dianne Vumback. John Toscano, Solicitor, was also present.

A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by William Sisco to accept the minutes of December 1, 2012 with corrections.

VOTED: That the Board accept the Officers' Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2012, with corrections. (Delisio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

The Moderator appointed Leon D'Onofrio as Tax Assessor to fill the board's vacant position.

Treasurer's Report

- **Need to be careful – out \$47,000 in current taxes**
- **Arrears notices go out February 1, 2013**
- **Fire Chief will review list of delinquent tax payers prior to approving building permits and fire inspections.**

Tax Collector's Report

- **Tax Collector reviewed our process for delinquent tax payments**

A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by William Sisco to have the Board's Attorney and Tax Assessor send a letter with the arrears bills going out first quarter of the year describing the process for delinquent tax payments.

Discussion:

- **No sticky note – official letter of MFD letterhead written by the attorney.**
- **The letter will include the categories of our delinquent payment process.**

VOTED: That the Board have the Board's Attorney and Tax Assessor send a letter with the arrears bills going out first quarter of the year describing the process for delinquent tax payments.

POLL VOTE:

William Sisco – Yes

Mary Delisio – Yes

Russ Ryan – Yes

Louis Misto – No

Fran Myszka – Yes

Leon D’Onofrio – Yes

Michelle Vacca - Yes

Dianne Vumback - Yes

Motion passes

Fire Chief’s Report

- **Paul Casey passed away last night. He was a member of the department for a long time.**
- **The department is trying to keep bills down – a bill for jackets will be coming**
- **Paperwork in to Moderator for FEMA**
- **FEMA will give us the ceiling tiles per Moderator**
- **Don Daggett was given a stop work order**

Moderator’s Report

- **FEMA update – information scanned over to FEMA.**
- **Application was closed out by FEMA last Friday, should know MFD status soon- \$600,000 request submitted**
- **FEMA reimburses 75% of what we spend.**
- **There was a concern that if we accept FEMA money we would**

become a public beach - Moderator learned this was not true.

- Beaches have been secured with snow fences**
- Moderator needs to move forward with three things:**

 Hiring a surveyor to identify (last surveyor report done in 1991, updated 2006) four boundary markers for each beach. The estimated cost to hire a surveyor would be about \$5,000.

A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Russ Ryan to hire a surveyor to identify boundary markers on each of the MFD beaches.

VOTED: That the board hire a surveyor to identify boundary markers on each of the MFD beaches. (Delisio, D'Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)

 Hire a plumber and electrician to identify on Benson and Lawton where our water, electrical and phone lines are. Since there is a shower and bubbler on Clark – we need to get water line identified there.

A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Russ Ryan to hire a company to identify where the electrical, water, and phone lines are and establish temporary service as needed on each beach.

VOTED: That the board hire a company to identify where the

electrical, water, and phone lines are and establish temporary service as needed on each beach. (Delisio, D’Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes).

 A septic design is needed for the Benson and Lawton beaches. A quote was received for \$2,500 per beach to develop a septic system design.

A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by William Sisco to get a septic design plan for the Benson and Lawton beaches that includes getting approval from the State.

VOTED: That the board get a septic design plan for the Benson and Lawton beaches that includes getting approval from the State. (Delisio, D’Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes).

- Price of \$25,000 per beach for a septic system that has a holding tank.**
- We will leave all power lines and septic stations where it has already been established**
- A strong possibility that beaches will be open and functioning for this summer.**
- A builder is lined up to begin work once we are ready**
- We have an opportunity to make MFD better than it was before**

- **Fire Chief believes we should have no dune at Clark Beach.**
- **The Town of Westerly wants us to enter a contract/agreement where they sell us MFD sand that has been stored at the state beach for \$9.95/cubic yard. The price includes the sand, delivery and spreading of that sand. Moderator said she needs 3,000 cubic yards. The cost would be approximately \$30,000. The beaches are missing approximately 6 feet of sand.**
- **Town over estimated how much sand they had.**
- **The Town of Westerly is not charging others for the sand, only the MFD.**
- **John Toscano and Michelle wrote the contract stating MFD will pay \$9.95/cubic yard as long as the purchase is allocated with FEMA funds.**

A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Leon D'Onofrio that we submit the contract to the Town of Westerly for sand as long as we don't commit tax payer money.

POLL VOTE:

William Sisco – No

Mary Delisio – Yes

Russ Ryan – Yes

Louis Misto – Yes

Fran Myszka – Yes

Leon D'Onofrio – Yes

Michelle Vacca - Yes

Dianne Vumback - No

Motion passes

- **Residents are putting large boulders in front of their homes with the intention of covering it with sand as a way to protect from future storms.**
- **Moderator would like this done at the beaches – start with Clark and put boulders under dunes.**
- **The sand on the dunes may need to be sifted.**
- **A suggestion was made to create a scope of ideas of how to layout beach with surveyor.**
- **There is a need for the development of a 2-5 year plan for the restoration of MFD**
- **A committee needs to be formed to start pricing temporary trailers for Lawton and Benson beaches (bathhouses). Leon and Louis will head up the committee.**
- **Fencing – permanent fencing should be explored along the beaches. Snow fencing will be used between properties.**

A motion was made by Russ Ryan and seconded by William Sisco that that we schedule a taxpayer's meeting to provide updated information regarding the upcoming beach season.

VOTED: That the board schedule a taxpayer's meeting to provide updated information regarding the upcoming beach season. (Delisio,

D’Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes).

- **Help is needed at Clark Farms Beach to the right of Andrea with the 50 foot right-away. Cars have been parking where the old basketball court existed, causing a problem.**

A motion was made by Fran Myszka and seconded by Louis Misto to purchase boulders for Clark Farms Beach to eliminate driving on the beach but still allow for a pedestrian walk away.

VOTED: That the board purchase boulders for Clark Farms Beach to eliminate driving on the beach but still allow for a pedestrian walk away. (Delisio, D’Onofrio, Misto, Myszka, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes).

- **There is concern about the debris in the ocean. Suggestion made to possibly host a Memorial Day clean up – contact high school for students needing community service hours.**
- **Hiring needs to begin for the upcoming beach season. A beach committee meeting will be held on February 20, 2013.**
- **Russ Ryan reports that the fire station house building committee is on hold – waiting for FEMA money and believes it is a tough time to ask for money. .**

A reminder was made that all motions made today to spend money needs to come out of the storm damage money.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m., all were in favor. The next scheduled board meeting is February 20, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vumback

Clerk