

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

**August 21, 2013**

**The Officers' Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by the Moderator, Michelle Vacca, at 4:30 p.m. on August 21, 2013.**

**Members present were: Marilyn Bellesheim, Leone D'Onofrio, Mary Delisio, Louis Misto, Russell Ryan, William Sisco, Michelle Vacca and Dianne Vumback. John Toscano, Solicitor, was also present.**

**A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Russ Ryan to accept the Annual Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2013 to be placed on file until next year's meeting.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Annual Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2013 to be placed on file until next year's meeting. (Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Misto, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made by Leone D'Onforio and seconded by Russ Ryan to accept the minutes of July 17, 2013.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Officers' Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2013 with a few corrections. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to accept the minutes of July 31, 2013.**

**VOTED: That the Board accept the Officers' Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2013. (Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Misto, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

**George Maynard, Beach Manager, was present to give an overview of the beach season.**

- **There will be only three lifeguards starting Monday.**
- **There will be a need to shut down Clark beach (it has no parking lot or bathrooms).**
- **Lawton must have two lifeguards.**
- **Beaches will be closed beginning September 15th. Saturday and Sunday only after Labor Day.**
- **EZ Waste coming day after Labor Day to get portable toilets.**
- **Moderator suggests putting up signs that beach is closed. If we have life guards we have life guards.**
- **Solicitors opinion is that we are all set if we post Beach Closed sign.**

**Maynard believes that the beach season went very well. He felt he**

had a good team of workers. There have been some complaints about the trailers being dirty and not always cleaned. They have been a constant problem – really designed for weekend use and not every day. Next year emphasis needs to be on getting the right people that will do the job – they will clean every two hours. George mentioned that there was a lot of absenteeism with the kids. George suggests we look for older folks. A \$65 megaphone was lost.

A motion was made by Russ Ryan that Geoge Maynor, Beach Manager, be involved in the hiring of our part time summer help.

There was no second.

**Motion dies**

Reviewed verification of tax sales – began 2008.

**Treasurer**

- Good shape - \$140,000 in bank; CD for \$100,000

**Fire Chief**

- Department has been very busy
- Regarding the old equipment that was discussed at the last meeting – we came up with a procedure a few years ago when the fire department sells their equipment. Anything we sell, the money goes to the district.

- **Weekapaug – Fire Chief is meeting with them this week regarding Hurricane protection.**
- **Fire Chief didn't talk to them about the fire truck – will do so next spring when we get it surveyed. We are having problems with it – sensors in the tank are not working. The truck is 19 years old.**
- **Station basement – problem with dehumidifier. It is freezing up and not thawing properly. We continue to try to do some maintenance on it. A company is coming to try to work with us on the moisture problem and seal up our walls on Tuesday after Labor Day at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join.**
- **Station Roof – last three storms we have had no leaks.**
- **Boat lettering – spoke to Amy twice at Finish Line Signs – she has not gotten back. If we know someone who can do it, great. Otherwise we need to find someone else.**
- **Fire Department trailers will be used when closing the beach.**
- **Sheds will come back to the fire department property.**
- **Russ – Asbestos removal for the abatement. Three proposals ranging from \$700 to \$1200 to \$1700. All contractors recommended on the State of Rhode Island website.**
- **We should request that the Town Council meet with us on the issue of food trucks.**

**A motion is made by Louis Misto and seconded by Leone D'Onofrio to accept the quote of \$700 from Diversified Environmental for the asbestos abatement.**

**VOTED: That the board accept the quote of \$700 from Diversified Environmental for the asbestos abatement. (Bellesheim, D'Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

### **Tax Collector**

- **Leone and Mary worked with Opal Data – tax bills will go out Monday or Tuesday – August 26 or 27.**
- **The fifth property we were waiting money from before going to tax sale – a check was received.**

### **Tax Assessor**

- **Leone thanks Michelle, Mary and Bill for their help.**
- **A review of every line item was done.**
- **Issues: Champlain Woods; Dave Thompson went back and looked at the maps – verified they were not in our district.**
- **Took arrears off our rolls.**
- **We told tax payers we would keep it at about \$1.08**
- **This year's number was 95% tax rate.**

**A motion was made by Louis Misto and seconded by Mary Delisio that we go with a tax rate of \$1.073 (92% collection rate).**

### **Discussion**

**Moderator questions Champlain Woods. How is Venice in our district and not Champlain Woods? Corrected Misquamicut Club and how it**

**shows up on the tax rolls. Last year it was put in at the full rate – it was never changed with the 2012 assessed value.**

**VOTED: That the board accept the tax rate of \$1.073 (92% collection rate). (Bellesheim, D’Onofrio, Delisio, Misto, Ryan, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes)**

#### **Moderator**

- Tractor – trouble all summer long. A new tractor is about \$40,000.**
- Fire Chief suggests we strip it down, clean it up, and have a certified dealer come in and go through it.**
- It is approximately 15 years.**
- New Building (Life Saving Stations) – CJ Doyle and John Patrick. Our plans are at the Town of Westerly. It goes to CMRC after they ok. Quick updates and then out to bid.**
- Clerk turned in the minute book for 2012-2013.**
- New insurance policies for the beaches.**
- FEMA money – Clarke Beach proposal to FEMA, MFD was told to write a letter.**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. all were in favor. The next scheduled board meeting is set for September 18, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dianne Vumback**

**Clerk**