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MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS**

January 20, 2016

1. Call to Order

The Board of Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to Order by Moderator Michelle Vacca at 5:00 p.m. on January 20, 2016.

2. Roll Call

The following Officers were present: Moderator Michelle Vacca, Clerk Dianne Vumback, Treasurer William T. Sisco, Tax Collector Mary Delisio, Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio, Fire Chief Todd Findeisen, and Members-at-Large Marilyn Bellesheim and Holly Sisco-Bowen. Solicitor John P. Toscano, Jr. was also present.

3. Consent Calendar

(a) Approval of Minutes

**Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio
and seconded by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen to accept the
minutes of October 21, 2015, and it was,**

VOTED: To accept the meeting minutes of October 21, 2015.

(Sisco-Bowen, New Member, abstain)

(b) Appointment and Resignations

(1) Welcome New Member at Large Holly Bowen

Welcome Holly Sisco-Bowen to the Misquamicut Fire District Board!

**(2) Beach Access Group for 2016 names of members & meeting
schedule**

**Members: Member at Large Marilyn Bellesheim, Chair, Tax Collector
Mary Delisio, Clerk Dianne Vumback and Taxpayer Lori Shuhi.**

The first meeting will be held on February 13, 2016.

4. New Business

(a) Boundary of Misquamicut/Watch Hill – refer to Tax Assessor

Leone D'Onofrio.

In February 2014 the district received a letter from Attorney Ligouri on behalf of owners of a property located on Ocean View Highway, who felt their property was in Watch Hill district versus Misquamicut. A subsequent letter was received November 2015 looking for a resolution to this matter. Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio commented that our position is that the property is appropriately located in the Misquamicut district as per charter and tax payers vote, dated 1956.

Upon motion duly made by Chief Todd Findeisen, seconded by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio that the Misquamicut Fire District Board states that 89 Ocean View Highway is in the Misquamicut Fire District.

Discussion:

Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio made a Motion to Amend the previous motion made by Chief Findeisen to add the following: "Based upon the research of the Misquamicut Fire District Tax Assessor, and a letter stating our position drafted by the Tax Assessor, a letter will be sent to Attorney Liguori by Solicitor John Toscano with a copy to Jeff Knisley." The Motion to Amend was seconded by Chief Findeisen, and it was unanimously,

VOTED: That the Misquamicut Fire District Board states that 89

Ocean View Highway is in the Misquamicut Fire District based upon the research of the Misquamicut Fire District Tax Assessor, and a letter stating our position drafted by the Tax Assessor D'Onofrio will be sent to Attorney Ligouri by Solicitor John Toscano with a copy to Jeff Knisley.

Upon motion duly made by Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Member at Large Marilyn Bellesheim that we do not require a personal face to face meeting with Attorney Ligouri with regards to the matter of the MFD boundary, and rather we send a letter regarding this issue, and it was unanimously,

VOTED: That we do not require a personal face to face meeting with Attorney Ligouri with regards to the matter of the MFD boundary, and rather we send a letter regarding this issue.

(b) Tax Payers in Arrears Tax Collector Mary Delisio

A discussion ensued regarding a delinquent taxpayer. A list of all taxpayers who are over two years in arrears will be supplied by the Tax Collector to the Solicitor for possible tax sale.

5. Unfinished Business

(a) Discussion – Electronic Gates for Lawton parking lot

A discussion ensued on the beach parking lot electronic gate proposal. A PowerPoint presentation is attached highlighting the specifics of the proposal. The Moderator will meet with Zoning and Building to see what town requirements are necessary to install electronic gates.

6. Communications and Reports

(a) Report of Treasurer William T. Sisco

- See report attached regarding financials.**
- We are in receipt of our audit report and the report indicates we are in good standing – auditor’s report attached.**

(b) Report of Solicitor John P. Toscano

- Nothing to report.**

(c) Report of Tax Collector Mary Z. Delisio

- Collected \$448,101.66 to date.**
- \$40,000 uncollected (current and arrears bills).**

(d) Report of Fire Chief Todd Findeisen

- A structure fire December 8th at the Weekapaug Fire District Office, and most of the building was destroyed in the fire.**
- In December, Engine 202 had two incidents where it would not start up. Last week the truck’s pump would not engage.**

- A grant was written where packs between local fire districts will be interchangeable.
- EMA sent an update on the storm this weekend.
- A letter received by the Weekapaug Fire District was read to the Board complimenting Fire Chief Todd Findeisen's stellar performance – letter attached.
- A Fire Truck Committee will meet in February.

(e) Report of Moderator Michelle M. Vacca

- Reminder to the Board – by charter if any of us need to have a meeting even if the Moderator cannot attend
- Wayne and Lori Shuhi cleaned all three beaches of debris and wires.
- The Moderator has appointed Member at Large Holly Sisco Bowen as the Gerard Nardone Chair.
- APRA request, directed to Fire Chief Todd Findeisen, by the State of Rhode Island. All APRA requests must be immediately sent to the Solicitor and Clerk.
- Town Hall meeting with all other Moderators from the local area – re: comprehensive plan for the Town of Westerly and beach access. Complimented the working relationship between Misquamicut and Watch Hill fire departments.
- Resolutions – suggestions made to tighten up the resolutions for next year's annual meeting.
- Annual Meeting Minutes – Clerk will have place on our website and the Moderator will look into having it posted to SOS. Clerk mentioned the link does not allow “annual minutes” to be posted.

7. Agenda Referrals

The following items are referred to the next Board meeting under the agenda item of New Business:

- **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held January 20, 2016.**
- **Discussion of Electronic Gates – Lawton Avenue**
- **Allocation of the Haviland donation**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Officers of the Misquamicut Fire District will be held on Wednesday, February, 17, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Treasurer William Sisco and seconded by Member at Large Marilyn Bellesheim to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., and it was unanimously,

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vumback

Clerk