



**WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**1110 Victory Highway**  
**Greene, Rhode Island 02827**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Sunday, 28 October, 2012**  
*MINUTES*

**Members Present**

*Chairman Humble*  
*Mr. Hevey*  
*Mr. Guastini*  
*Mr. Farnum*  
*Mr. Mays*  
*Clerk Cheryl Wilcox*

*Marion Sykes, Resident*  
*Scott Murray, CCFD*

- 1. *Call to Order and Attendance*** – The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- 2. *Confirmation of required meeting posting and quorum*** – The Chairman confirmed that there is a quorum present and the meeting was posted in all required locations.
- 3. *Review and possible approval by the BOD of drafts of a revised District Charter and revised District By-Laws to be put before the voters of the District at a later date.***

There is discussion of the change to only allow taxpayers vote at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Hevey states that Hopkins Hill has similar wording in their Charter.

A motion is made by Mr. Guastini and seconded by Mr. Farnum to leave the non-taxpayer's right to vote as is in the original Charter. Mr. Humble, aye; Mr. Farnum, aye; Mr. Guastini, aye; Mr. Hevey, no. Motion carried.

Mr. Hevey states that the vote is a disservice to the Committee who spent much time on this topic.

Section 3 – Mr. Guastini suggests it may be helpful to have our Annual Meeting take place after the FTM to know what the tax rate will be. Mr. Hevey says that we set our own tax rate. The Annual Meeting should be held in February.

Section 4 – Mr. Mays asks if terms of elected officials should be one or two year terms. Mr. Humble says that Board Members are not mentioned in Charter. Include 4.1 at the end of the first paragraph.

Section 5 – A motion is made by Mr. Guastini and seconded by Mr. Farnum to change the term of District Officers to three (3) years to be more consistent with Board of Directors. Mr. Guastini, aye; Mr. Farnum, aye; Mr. Humble, aye; Mr. Hevey, no. Motion carried.

Section 6 – A motion is made by Mr. Guastini and seconded by Mr. Farnum to add, ‘The Special Meeting must be held within thirty days of receipt of the written application’ as the last sentence of Section 6. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Section 7 – Discussion of whether other special fundraising will be limited.

Section 8 – Change shall to *may apportion the taxes levied.... ‘tangible personal property, if determined to be necessary by the Board of Directors’* is consistent in the Charter with Section 10.1 of the By-laws.

Sections 9, 10, 11, 12 – no comments

Definition of Qualified Voters – strike the end.

By-Laws

Article 3.2 – Change to three (3) years.

Article 4.3, 6.1, 6.13, 6.15, 6.16, 6.24, 7.7, 9.12, and 12.1d – Use changes that Mr. Humble suggested.

Article 6.7 – Remove ‘municipal’.

Article 6.18 – Change government to governance.

Article 11.19 – Remove ‘line’ in senior line officer.

By-laws will be approved by the voters at the Annual Meeting.

4. ***Establish a time-line of events for the District voters to officially adopt the Charter and By-Laws revisions*** – The Board would like to get the changed Charter to the public on hard copy and on the website and receive taxpayer approval by the second week in December so it can then be presented to Legislators.
5. ***New Business.*** - none
6. ***Open Forum.*** - none
7. ***Schedule next meeting.*** – *The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2012.*
8. ***Adjournment*** – A motion is made by Mr. Farnum and seconded by Mr. Hevey to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.