

UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS' MONTHLY MEETING
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
JULY 18, 2005 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

WARDENS PRESENT: Mr. Holland, Mr. Gray, Mr. Smith and Mr. Sprague
ABSENT: Mr. Ciccone

PERSONNEL PRESENT: Chief Perry, DC Carney, Pinch, and Collinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. DeSista

Mr. Holland called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr. Smith moves to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 20, 2005 meeting. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Request from Forestry Auxiliary to hold their ham and bean supper on September 24 in the administration building meeting room. Discussion.

MOTION 05-7-1: Mr. Gray moves to table this item until the workshop meeting. Mr. Smith seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Several thank you notes have been received for the fire prevention program presentations, and one from the Elks for our Flag Day participation. They will be forwarded to the proper departments.

COMMITTEES:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROUTE 1 DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Larry Fish has come to advise us on the new development on route one. Mr. Holland advises him that we are very concerned about access from Tower Hill Station. Mr. Fish directs us to the planning board, as the Economic Development Committee has no say in the new development. He feels our Board should be going to the town planning board meetings to express our concerns. Discussion of planned new developments. Mr. Holland asks the Board for permission to send a letter to Steve Alfred and Bruce Kaiser, asking for the UFD to be included in any planning for route one.

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PART TIME MAINTENANCE PERSON : The Board has a job description for a part time maintenance person.

MOTION 05-7-2: Mr. Smith moves to accept the job description as is. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. The Clerk will be directed to advertise the position when she returns.

CYBERCOMM PROPOSAL TO REPLACE REPEATER: The repeater at Narragansett Station 3 is not working and needs to be replaced. A price quote was received from Cybercomm for \$8564.00. Mr. Holland explains that he thought there was money for a backup repeater left over from last year's grant. Discussion regarding funding to replace repeater. This must go out to bid. DC Carney will put out a memo until this issue can be resolved.

AWARD BID FOR CHIEF 2 CAR: One bid was received from Bailey Flood for a total of \$27187.00 for a 2005 Ford Explorer XL.

MOTION 05-7-3: Mr. Smith moves to approve the purchase of the car from Bailey Flood for \$27187.00. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE: We have received a grant letter from the State Senate, and need to submit a proposal for using the money. Discussion regarding uses. The Clerk will be advised to come up with a proposal.

ILFD USE OF MEETING ROOM FOR TAX SALE: ILFD has requested use of our meeting room for their tax sale.

MOTION 05-7-4: Mr. Smith moves to approve use of the meeting room for the tax sale. Mr. Sprague seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

INTERVIEWS FOR PART TIME TAX OFFICE ASSISTANT: Mr. Holland explains that as soon as the Clerk returns, we will interview for a part time person for the tax office. Next Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday will be good, if the applicant can be contacted.

TRAINING TOWER REPAIRS: At last month's meeting this was discussed. Mr. Holland spoke to Ms. Hogan in the interim, and she advises that this must go out to bid, even though Nelson Brothers have been the only interested party. Discussion. DC Collinson will draft bid specs for the job.

CHIEF'S LIST:

Chief Perry reports that engine 13 is in bad shape, with the jump seats rusted through. Ernie Berndt is coming to give an estimate on repairs. The Chief recommends taking the truck out of service. The Board agrees.

STATION 2 FENCE: Three quotes have been received to replace the fence at Wakefield Station. Discussion.

MOTION 05-7-5: Mr. Smith moves to award the job to JPM Construction for \$2480.00, for #1 grade 6' stockade fencing with pressure treated posts and 42" gate. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

TRAINING GROUND REPORT:

No report.

FIRE PREVENTION:

No report.

MAINTENANCE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES:

No report.

STATION REQUESTS:

STATION 3- CHARLESTOWN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL: Jim Brown requests permission to go to the Charlestown Seafood Festival to do parking, along with Station 2 and Station 6, and to use some of our old low band portables and the golf cart. He will supply an insurance waiver from the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce. Discussion.

MOTION 05-7-6: Mr. Gray moves to allow the use of the radios and either the golf cart or the Gator, the choice to be left to Chief Perry. Mr. Sprague seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Discussion.

Mr. Smith advises that the phone bills are almost all straightened out, and that we get a record of all calls, so the stations are asked not to overuse the phones. Discussion.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS:

Mr. Smith moves to accept the report as presented. Mr. Gray seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Mr. Holland advises Chief Perry that the new application form has been approved by legal counsel, with the suggestion that we get a copy of the driver's license with the application.

Mr. Smith moves to adjourn. Mr. Sprague seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Marco
District Clerk

Date Amended _____
Date Accepted _____

I, Bette Marco, District Clerk, do hereby certify that the attached Minutes are a true and accurate copy of the Minutes of the July 18, 2005 meeting of the Board of Wardens of the Union Fire District, and that they have not been amended except as cited above.

Bette Marco, District Clerk

