

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS' MONTHLY MEETING
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

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

PERSONNEL PRESENT: DC Carney, Pinch, Quinn, and Collinson

OTHERS PRESENT: District Clerk, Ms. Hogan, and Mr. DeSista

Mr. Holland called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr. Smith moves to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 6, 2005 meeting. Mr. Sprague seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS:

An e-mail from Jason Boettger, resigning as Captain of Tuckertown Station, due to the demands of his new job. Mark Nelson will serve as interim Captain.

COMMITTEES:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

TAX COLLECTION: AUTHORIZATION FOR SOLICITOR TO FILE SMALL CLAIMS ACTION FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

MOTION 05-9-1: Mr. Smith moves to authorize the Solicitor to file small claims actions for as many accounts as is necessary. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR SS1 REPLACEMENT: The question arose at the workshop meeting as to whether or not a special meeting was required to authorize the expenditure of the funds reserved for a new special hazards truck. Discussion. Ms. Hogan will check and report back to the Board.

AWARD BID FOR SERVICE 1 REPLACEMENT: Two bids were received for the service 1 replacement, one from Fred Smith Inc., for \$28604.00, and one from Bailey Flood for \$20388.95, with the trade-in. Discussion whether the plow will be included or if there will be an extra charge for it.

MOTION 05-9-2: Mr. Smith moves to award the new service 1 bid to Bailey Flood Ford for a total of \$20388.95. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

PURCHASE HOSE TESTER: Chief Perry is not present. This will be tabled until the next monthly meeting.

INTERVIEWS FOR PART TIME MAINTENANCE PERSON: Mr. Holland advises that he will meet with the administrator to put together an outline for the interview process, and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

PUT SNOWPLOWING OUT TO BID: Mr. Holland would like to put the snowplowing of the stations out to bid. Discussion regarding specs for plowing. Mr. Holland will meet with the administrator to draw up some specs to present at the work session.

FUEL OIL STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT AT STATION 9: Mr. Ciccone has drawn up specs for removal and replacement of the fuel oil storage tank at station 9. Discussion regarding types of tanks.

MOTION 05-9-3: Mr. Holland moves to send the specs out to bid to remove and replace the tanks at station 9. Mr. Smith seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

PURCHASE GPS UNITS: Lt. Wieters has obtained price quotes for 5 GPS units for search and rescue. He recommends Buy E Retail for a total of \$1449.96, including shipping and handling. He explains that we will need the software as well, which will cost \$99.99 per unit, for three units. Discussion regarding budgeted funds.

MOTION 05-9-4: Mr. Smith moves to approve purchase of the 5 GPS units and 3 sets of associated software, not to exceed \$1750.00 total. Mr. Sprague seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

CHOOSE ARCHITECT/SITE SOIL EVALUATION FOR STATION 5: Mr. Holland explains that the Board would like to hire an architect to begin work on the Snug Harbor renovations. They are comfortable with David Presbrey as an architect, because of the excellent work he has done for us in the past.

MOTION 05-9-5: Mr. Holland moves to contract with Presbrey Architects to begin plans for station 5. Mr. Smith seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Discussion ensued regarding the makeup of the building committee. The Clerk is directed to send a letter to Captain Munson, to determine who the members of the committee from station 5 will be.

STATION 1 PAINTING: Mr. Holland would like to go out to bid for painting the outside of station 1.

MOTION 05-9-6: Mr. Ciccone moves to go out to bid for painting the outside of station 1. Mr. Sprague seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

STATION 2 WINDOWS: Mr. Holland would like permission to go out to bid for replacing the windows at station 2.

MOTION 05-9-7: Mr. Smith moves to go out to bid for window replacements at station 2. Mr. Sprague seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION OF FIRE INSPECTOR VEHICLES: Mr. Holland has spoken with Chief Perry and Marshal Emmott, and they will draw up a written policy regarding use of the inspectors' vehicles for the next monthly meeting.

FLU CLINIC: The administrator was contacted by South County Hospital, asking whether UFD would like to have a flu clinic for our members. Discussion. Mr. Holland directs DC Collinson to determine how many people would be interested in receiving the vaccine and advise the administrator.

CHIEF'S LIST:

No reports.

TRAINING GROUND REPORT:

DC Collinson reports that the confined space area is pretty well finished, and Mark Nelson will begin work on the training tower in October.

FIRE PREVENTION:

No report.

MAINTENANCE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES:

Richard Arnold reports that engine 13 repairs are almost completed.

STATION REQUESTS:

STATION 9-PURCHASE GEAR RACKS: Lt. Rogers has obtained price quotes for gear racks for the station. There is no money in the station budget for gear racks. Lt. Rogers would like to use funds that were budgeted for trays for the trucks. Mr. Holland wants the Chief to be included in a decision to make changes in the budget.

MOTION 05-9-8: Mr. Holland moves to table this item until it can be discussed with Chief Perry. Mr. Smith seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

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:

Brian Kleczek states the lights at station 7 are not fixed yet. Mr. Holland advises him the issue is being addressed.

Mr. Holland states that four of our firefighters from West Kingston Station are in New Orleans this week, and they hope to be back this weekend, in time for the parade. They are all well and learning a lot.

Mr. Holland reminds everyone that the parade is this Sunday at 1:00 PM.

Mr. Holland requests that if anyone has anything to be put in the Wardens' mailboxes, they should submit it through the administrator's office.

Mr. Ciccone moves to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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 September 19, 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

