

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND RD., PEACE DALE, R.I.
NOVEMBER 15, 2010 7:00 PM**

Wardens: Present: Mr. Steere, Mr. Ciccone, Mr. Boisvert, Mr. White,
and Mr. McClarnon

Chiefs: Chief Perry, DC Carney, Pinch, and Quinn

Others: District Clerk and Ms. Hogan

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: DC Quinn wants to amend the minutes to reflect in the comments section that it was not agreed that the Board should give approval for free use of the training facility, but that the Chief would talk to the Chairman instead of the entire Board. As there was no vote, and the minutes reflect an expressed opinion only, Ms. Hogan advises that the Clerk be directed to check the tape of the minutes for errors, and the subject of the pre-approval of the use of the training facility be added to the next agenda for discussion and a vote.

MOTION 10-11-1: Mr. White moves to amend the motion to approve the minutes to reflect Counsel's recommendation. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

MOTION 10-11-2: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. White seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: DC Pinch reports that the survey work on the stations is moving forward. No breakdown on the construction estimates for station 8 has been received from the architect as yet. We will also need more information regarding the status of the water line running to the property. Ms. Hogan adds that she has been in contact with the Boy Scouts in regard to the water line, and is awaiting a call from their Board member who has been away on vacation.

NEW BUSINESS:

TAX ABATEMENT 71 ASA POND ROAD: Ms. Hogan has been unable to locate the original agreement in her office. Discussion. More research will be necessary to locate the document.

FEMA FUNDS/ PURCHASE TURNOUT GEAR: Chief Perry wants to use \$10,000.00 of the FEMA flood funds to purchase eleven sets of turnout gear at \$900.00 per set from Firematic.

MOTION 10-11-3: Mr. Ciccone moves to approve the purchase. Mr. Boisvert seconds. Ms. Hogan advises that the Board needs to discuss whether the purchase is consistent with the purchasing policy.

MOTION 10-11-4: Mr. Boisvert moves to suspend the purchasing policy for this one item. Mr. Ciccone seconds. Ms. Hogan explains there is no legal basis for suspending the policy. Discussion. Mr. Boisvert withdraws the motion to suspend.

MOTION 10-11-5: Mr. White moves to purchase the gear from Firematic for \$900.00 per set as sole source, since the cost is way below what any other vendor could offer. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

MOTION 10-11-6: Mr. Boisvert moves to have the FEMA check deposited into the FEMA account. Mr. White seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF PUMPS:

MOTION 10-11-7: Mr. Boisvert moves to approve the purchase from All Outdoors FOR \$2685.00, as the low quote, per the purchasing policy. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF SMOKE EJECTORS:

MOTION 10-11-8: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the purchase from Firematic for \$1424.00, as low quote, according to the purchasing policy. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF TRACTOR: Dan Nolan received four bids. Howard Johnson was low bid for the tractor with the front blade.

MOTION 10-11-9: Mr. McClarnon moves to award the bid to Howard Johnson's in accordance with the purchasing policy. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF SAFETY CABINET:

MOTION 10-11-10: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the purchase from Grainger, as low quote, according to the purchasing policy. Mr. White seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

SPECIAL SIGNAL FIRE ASSOCIATION DONATION: DC Quinn received an invoice from the canteen for \$175.00. He would like to donate an additional \$350.00. Discussion.

MOTION 10-11-11: Mr. McClarnon moves to pay the invoice for \$175.00, and donate an additional \$350.00 to the Special Signal Fire Association. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

DISPATCH ISSUE: Chief Perry reports he is having issues with dispatch, and gives several examples of problems. He thinks we need to look for another

dispatch center, or consider regionalization. Discussion. Mr. Ciccone suggests forming a committee to investigate the situation. Ms. Hogan suggests that we put the Town on written notice that they run the risk of liability, and she would be happy to set up a meeting with them. Further discussion regarding training dispatch personnel.

MOTION 10-11-12: Mr. White moves to form a committee of Ms. Hogan, Chief Perry and DC Carney to investigate and meet with the police chief, and if that does not produce results, meet with the Town Manager, and report back to the Board at the December 20th meeting. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The report is forwarded to the Board for approval.

MOTION 10-11-13: Mr. McClarnon moves to amend the agenda to add discussion of DC Pinch's car. Mr. White seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. DC Pinch has had an ongoing problem with the electrical system in his car, and has had it in for service on several occasions. Discussion. DC Pinch will take the car to the District mechanic to be fixed, and Ms. Hogan will contact Paul Masse.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ ABATEMENTS:

MOTION 10-11-14: Mr. Ciccone moves to accept the report as presented. Mr. McClarnon seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Chief Perry would like to set up a meeting with the Chiefs and Wardens, on December 9th at 7:00 PM.

DC Carney has a friend who needs a bone marrow transplant, and he is looking for potential donors to go to URI on December 1st.

Mr. Steere reminds everyone of the pasta dinner at station 3 on December 3rd.

Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn. Mr. Ciccone seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Marco
District Clerk

Date Amended _____
Date Accepted _____

I, Bette Marco, District Clerk, do certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate copy of the November 15, 2010 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