

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
DECEMBER 19, 2011 7:00 PM**

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

Chiefs: Chief Perry, Deputy Chiefs Carney, Pinch and Collinson

Others: District Clerk and Mr. DeSista

Mr. Steere called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 11-12-9: Mr. Ciccone moves to approve to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 5, 2011. Mr. McClarnon seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Pinch reported that the Tuckertown Fire Station project is on the meeting agenda for review by the Zoning Board on December 21, 2011. Deputy Chief Pinch further advised that the next building committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE RADIO: Deputy Chief Carney advised that this purchase is to replace a portable radio that was accidentally damaged and a claim has been for insurance reimbursement. **Motion 11-12-10:** Mr. Boisvert moves to approve purchase of a portable radio to WPCS for the sum of \$716.08. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS 2012 WARDENS MEETING SCHEDULE: The 2012 Wardens' meeting schedule was discussed and no changes were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. DeSista has copies of the report for the Wardens.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS: **Motion 11-12-11:** Mr. Ciccone moves to accept tax collector's report as presented and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS: Chief Perry discussed that the State of Rhode Island may be moving towards requiring NFPA 1500 for all fire departments and which may be harder for volunteer departments than for career departments. Chief Perry further advised that the Union Fire District already meets most of the criteria for NFPA 1500. Chief Perry further advised that most of the Southern League Fire Companies are also against this initiative and there will be a meeting regarding this issue on January 16, 2012. Chief Perry then advised that he would like to forward a letter to local legislative members that the Union Fire District is against this initiative by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Discussion ensued and a draft letter to be composed regarding the Union Fire District's opposition to any law and or requirement for NFPA 1500 by the State of Rhode Island. Deputy Chief Collinson then advised that nine (9) members of the Union Fire District represented the District at the funeral services for the fallen firefighter who lost his life fighting a fire on December 8, 2011 in Worcester, MA.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion 11-12-12:** Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:29PM and which was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Blessing
District Clerk

Date Amended _____

Date Accepted _____

I, John P. Blessing, District Clerk, do certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate copy of the December 19, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Wardens of the Union Fire District of South Kingstown and that they have not been amended except as cited above.

John P. Blessing
District Clerk