

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
DECEMBER 3, 2012
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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 12-12-1: Mr. McClarnon makes a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2012. Mr. Ciccone seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Pinch reported that the new addition is all framed in and the building project is moving along.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS FLAGPOLE AT STATION 1: Discussion ensued regarding the new flagpole that was recently installed at the Peacedale Fire Station. Firefighter Lance Whaley then advised that the flagpole project included a new flagpole which has the ability to fly three flags as well as landscaping improvements near the adjacent monument. Firefighter Whaley then advised that the flagpole project involved funds raised by station members as well as donations from area businesses to include the Elks Club, Arnold's Lumber, Timpson's Excavating and B & G Construction. Firefighter Whaley then requested assistance from the District for the cost of the flagpole project and which totaled \$1,800.00. Mr. Steere then advised that he would not have a problem doing that except that when the flagpole project was presented to the Board in September it was presented that the Station would pay for the flagpole and related installation and was only seeking permission to install the new flagpole and which was authorized. Mr. McClarnon then inquired as to the amount of funding being requested. Firefighter Whaley then requested that the District fund the entire project or if not at least half. Mr. Ciccone then advised that in the past when the other Stations have erected flagpoles or monuments the Stations footed the bill and has concerns about setting a precedent now. Mr. Ciccone further advised that is understandable that when building a new station a flagpole would be part of the construction costs. Discussion continued regarding the project, previous flagpole projects and available budget funding. **Motion 12-12-2:** Mr. McClarnon then made the motion to table the matter until the next meeting pending review of the budget. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF CPR MANIKIN 4-PACK: **Motion 12-12-3:** Mr. McClarnon moves to award purchase of CPR Manikin 4-pack to Channing Bete for the sum of \$739.00 and which was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

BALTIMORE EXPOSITION CONFERENCE: Deputy Chief Pinch then advised that he would like to book travel related expenditures for the Baltimore Exposition Conference early as a cost savings measure as was done last year. Discussion continued regarding the allocated budget for the conference. Deputy Chief Pinch further discussed two benefits that came as a result of attending this conference during past years. Deputy Chief Pinch then advised that two years ago the District received twenty five additional spots for the Target Safety online training program (at no additional cost) after meeting with Target Safety representatives at the conference and which resulted in a savings for the District of \$3000.00. Deputy Chief Pinch further advised during last years' conference District attendees lined up an EMT recertification class and which if was held at the District offices would have cost approximately \$4,500.00. Discussion continued regarding the conference, benefits for attending the conference and related budget. **Motion 12-12-4:** Mr. McClarnon makes motion to authorize purchase of tickets for flights to the Baltimore Exposition Conference. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS 2013 WARDENS' MEETING SCHEDULE: Discussion ensued and the schedule was accepted as presented.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS:

Deputy Chief Pinch then discussed placing the 2013 Wardens' meeting schedule on the District's website calendar. No objections were made to this initiative. Deputy Chief Pinch then advised that he has 2013 Union Fire District calendars for sale if anyone is interested and which has all of the Stations represented in the calendars.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 12-12-5: Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:29 PM 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 3, 2012 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