

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
FEBRUARY 19, 2013
7:00 PM**

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

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

Others: District Clerk, Ms. Hogan, Mr. DeSista and Mr. Nolan

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 13-2-6: Mr. Ciccone moves to approve and dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes from February 4, 2013. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Pinch reported that there was a Building Committee meeting tonight and that the Tuckertown Fire Station project should be nearly complete within the next thirty days with the exception of weather related items. Mr. McClarnon advised that the Wardens visited all of the fire stations this past Saturday and that the Tuckertown Fire Station looked awesome.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS LEGISLATION: Discussion took place regarding the Union Fire District seeking legislation changes regarding notice to the District for any potential water rate changes (to include hydrant rate fees). Discussion continued regarding the significant hydrant rate increase (100% rate increase) that the District faced during last year's fiscal year. The significant hydrant rate increase was not budgeted nor was the District provided notice of the potential rate increases. Ms. Hogan then discussed proposed legislative changes for Rhode Island General Laws 39-3-12.1 and 39-3-11 to include notices being provided to the Union Fire District for any rate increase involving the Town of South Kingstown. **Motion 13-2-7:** Mr. McClarnon then made a motion to approve submitting the legislation change request through the District Legal Counsel to the General Assembly to include both the House of Representatives and Senate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. All in favor; motion carries.

DISCUSS BLIZZARD RESPONSE: Chief Perry that the District handled over seventy two (72) calls for service during the recent winter storm. Chief Perry advised that these calls for service included the following; four (4) structure fires, ten (10) carbon monoxide calls and which eight (8) of these calls were at high levels and resulted in nine (9)

persons being brought to the hospital. Chief Perry further advised that the UFD responded to the Peacedale Mill for concerns regarding a potential roof collapse, and also responded to Village of Wordens Pond for well-being checks. Chief Perry then advised that several UFD vehicles were damaged during responses from either fallen trees, snow and or weather related causes. Chief Perry then advised that approximately one hundred (100) members worked during the storm and many of which worked for three days straight. Chairman Steere then commended everyone who worked for their outstanding efforts during the storm. Mr. Ciccone then stated that the fire department has always come through as long as he can remember and that he is proud of the great job that was done by all of those members who worked during the storm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. DeSista prepared copies of the treasurer's report for the Wardens.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS: **Motion 13-2-8:** Mr. Ciccone moves to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented and which was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS: Chairman Steere then advised that he would like to thank again all of the stations and members for the outstanding turn out and work during the Blizzard of 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 13-2-9: Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:19 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 February 19, 2013 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