

**UNION FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WARDENS
MEETING MINUTES
131 ASA POND ROAD, WAKEFIELD, R.I.
MARCH 17, 2014
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 7:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion 14-3-5: Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2014. Mr. Sloan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMITTEES & REPORTS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: Deputy Chief Pinch reported for the committee that they are awaiting completion of engineering plans by Joe Casali Engineering regarding the potential land swap property and which plans should be completed and available for review in early April.

TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT: Deputy Chief Collinson then advised that there are three more classes left for the Firefighter 2 training class and is the process of scheduling a graduation night for May 7, 2014. Deputy Chief Collinson then discussed a Retention and Recruitment Workshop to be held at the Hampton Inn in South Kingstown on May 3rd and 4th, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

SAFER GRANT: Deputy Chief Collinson then discussed the SAFER grant and which reimbursement is being sought the UFD for the total sum of \$10,800. Deputy Chief Collinson then requests permission to move forward with the SAFER grant in the future. Mr. Ciccone then inquired if all of the expenditures were going to be paid for by the SAFER grant and which Deputy Chief Collinson affirmed. **Motion 14-3-6:** Mr. McClarnon the made a motion to approve the SAFER grant request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

AWARD PURCHASE OF 6TH EDITION ESSENTIALS BOOKS AND STUDY GUIDES: Mr. Boisvert then inquired if the books sought to be purchased are the same books that are being replaced next year. Deputy Chief Collinson then advised that they were the same books, that he normally has thirty copies on hand at the District and that there is money available in the this year's budget for the purchase (twenty three books). **Motion 14-3-7:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve the purchase and which motion was seconded by Mr. Sloan. All in favor; motion carries.

RIAAI REPLACEMENT OF PANEL AT BURN BUILDING: Assistant Fire Marshal (AFM) Hiener then discussed the replacement of an electric panel at the UFD Burn Building and which costs would be paid by RI IAAI. AFM Hiener further discussed the need to upgrade the panel and which will be beneficial during next week's RI IAAI Fire investigation training class held at the UFD training facilities. AFM Hiener then discussed upgrading the present 20 AMP service at the Burn Building and which upgrades include 4 gauge wires into a 30 AMP service panel. Mr. Ciccone then inquired if there would be any costs for the District regarding the work and AFM Hiener then advised that there would no costs for the District. AFM Hiener then advised that the work would be conducted by a licensed electrician and who would obtain the necessary permits. Deputy Chief Collinson then inquired if there was expectation by RI IAAI to use the facilities next year as well seeing that that were paying for the electrical upgrades and AFM Hiener then advised that the work has nothing to do with next year's class. **Motion 14-3-8:** Mr. McClarnon moves to approve electrical panel work and which was seconded by Mr. Boisvert. All in favor; motion carries.

RIDEM VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT: Chief Perry then seeks approval to move forward with the RI DEM Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and which provides a 50/50 match up to a \$1,500 reimbursement. **Motion 14-3-9:** Mr. Sloan moves to approve proceeding with the RIDEM grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

BRUSH CLEANUP AT STATION 7: Chairman Steere then discussed meeting with the neighbor of the Matunuck Fire Station regarding brush clean up on adjoining land between the two properties. Mr. Steere then advised that was quite a bit of brush and which appears to be on both properties and would recommend getting prices for clean up and consider splitting the costs with the neighbor. **Motion 14-3-10:** Mr. Boisvert makes a motion to obtain prices for the brush clean up and proceed with the clean up if the costs are split. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT/ABATEMENTS: **Motion 14-3-11:** Mr. Ciccone moves to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented and which was seconded by Mr. McClarnon. All in favor; motion carries.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS/FIREFIGHTERS: Chief Perry advised that Engine 1 was sent to Minuteman Trucks to be re-painted and once returned Engine 16 will be sent to Minuteman for warranty re-painting as well. Deputy Chief Collinson then discussed sending flowers to Mr. Charlie Poirier regarding the recent loss of his brother. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ciccone then discussed the recent training by Mr. Tim Redmond regarding "Customer Service" and that Mr. Redmond did an excellent job. Mr. Ciccone then advised that the training as well as attendance by District members was outstanding as well.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion 14-3-12:** Mr. McClarnon moves to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:20 PM and which was seconded by Mr. Ciccone. 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 March 17, 2014 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