

**North Cumberland Fire District**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 2005**

**Opening:**

**The regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District was called to order at**

**7:06 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 by, Chairman Edward LeBlanc.**

**Present:**

**Edward LeBlanc**

**Paul Lindquist**

**Martin Klara**

**Matthew Gannon**

**Brian Campbell**

**John Aharonian**

**Robert Audette**

**Others Present:**

**Rene Gendreau, Chief**

**Fay Dakake, Clerk**

**Daniel Hamel, Treasurer**

**Absent:**

**Geraldine Dupont, Tax Collector**

## **A. Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Lindquist, to approve the Clerk's report with a minor correction. All in favor. So voted.**

## **B. Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Hamel's report included:**

- o Financial Summary April 2005**
- o Tax collections report, dated March 31, 2005**
- o Balance sheet as of April 30, 2005**
- o Profit and Loss statement, dated April, 2005**
- o Profit and Loss statement, July 2004 through April, 2005**

**Treasurer Hamel pointed out that the tax collection figure on the financial summary included legal fees. He will adjust this figure by including a line item entitled "Legal Fees/Tax Sale." This will balance the tax collection figure on the financial summary with the Tax Collector's Report. He also noted that on the Balance Sheet he removed line items 1550 and 1590 and added line items 1560 and 1540.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Audette, seconded by Mr. Klara, to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. All in favor. So voted.**

### **C. Tax Collectors Report**

**Although Tax Collector Dupont was not in attendance she did submit a report dated May 18, 2005.**

**A motion was made by Mr.Campbell, seconded by Mr. Audette, to accept the Tax Collector's Report as written. All in favor. So voted.**

### **D. Chief's Report/Monthly Expenditures**

**Chief Gendreau submitted a Monthly Report and a listing of additional expenses for April 2005. The following topics were highlighted by the Chief:**

**o All shifts worked together with the Valley Falls Fire Department and their truck company for training. This training served two purposes.**

**a) Pump training for Private Garon**

**b) Complying with the ISO recommendation that two departments work together**

**o First-aid training conducted for the Girls Scouts.**

**o Three major fires. Outstanding job by all. All three could have been easily lost.**

**o Engine 54 had needed repairs and maintenance work updated. A trailer hitch was mounted to the chassis to support a hose roller.**

**o Turn-out gear in and issued.**

**o Burning season is 1/1-3/31 on two or more acres zoned agricultural.**

If residents are burning outside of the guidelines it is considered illegal. Firefighters explain the ordinance and have the resident extinguish on their own.

A motion was made by Mr. Lindquist, seconded by Mr. Audette, to accept the Chief's Report and Monthly Expenditures as written. All in favor. So voted.

## **E. Committee Reports**

### **Financial Management, Budget, Taxes**

No comment.

### **Personnel, Labor Relations**

Mr. Lindquist announced that oral interviews will be held Tuesday, May 24 for Lieutenant and Wednesday, May 25 for Deputy Chief. The Chief, along with

Mr. Klara and a member of the Union will conduct the Lieutenant interviews. The Chief, Mr. Lindquist and Chief Coutu from Central Falls will conduct the Deputy Chief interviews.

### **Public Relations**

The Chief summarized a conversation he had with fire station neighbor, Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson had no objection to an old fashioned wooden screen door being installed on the old school house. He allowed a dogwood tree to be removed and agreed to the

**relocation of a pine tree.**

### **Negotiations**

**Mr. Lindquist requested that the Board receive copies of the signed contract. Chairman LeBlanc requested signed copies from the Chief to be distributed.**

### **Nominations**

**Mr. Gannon reported that ads had been run in the Valley Breeze, Neighbors, Times, and the Call. Three applications had been received but one was from out of the district.**

### **Building, Grounds, Apparatus, Computer**

**Mr. Klara reported that the Chief was thinking of replacing the deck on the back of the building with anti-skid track decking. Mr. Klara stated he has inspected the deck and agrees it does need to be replaced. The Chief estimated the materials would cost \$2,000. if everything except the frame is replaced. The work would be done by the NCFD. Mr. Ahoronian questioned the condition of the frame. Mr. Ahoronian suggested that enough money be appropriated to replace the frame if it is found to be unstable once reconstruction begins. The Chief reported that there is just under \$6,000. in the Building Fund. Chairman LeBlanc suggested that Mr. Ahoronian take a professional look at the deck and make his recommendations.**

**Chairman LeBlance reports that he received information that the new**

**sign can sustain winds up to 60 mph.**

## **Insurance**

**The Chief mentioned that dental insurance is due July 1.**

## **F. Old Business**

**No comment.**

## **G. New Business**

### **Dental Insurance**

**The Chief explained that this is the final year of NCFD contract with Delta Dental**

**He explained that there would be a 16% rate increase for the coming year but**

**because NCFD had an extended plan, the increase was capped at 6%. If**

**NCFD renews for two years the cap will be 5%. The renewed plan, which would**

**run from 7/1/05 to 6/30/06, has an option for brush biopsy at the additional**

**premium of .5 for individual plan and .10 for family plan.**

## **Chairman**

**LeBlanc reminded the Board that by contract, they are bound to Delta Dental.**

**Motion is made by Mr. Lindquist to renew the contract with Delta Dental seconded by Mr. Audette. All in favor. So voted.**

**Motion is made by Mr. Campbell to accept the increase in premium of the dental**

**insurance of .5 per individual and .10 per family for brush biopsy, seconded by**

**Mr. Klara. All in favor. So voted.**

### **Review of Business Plan**

**Chairman LeBlanc reviewed the business plan that was established at the beginning of the fiscal year and was pleased that the majority of the goals had either been accomplished or were actively in the works.**

### **H. Public Comment**

**No comment.**

### **Executive Session**

**Motion was made by Mr. Lindquist, seconded by Mr. Gannon, and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5(5).**

### **Return to Public Meeting**

**A motion was made by Mr. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Lindquist, to set the tax rate for FY 2006 at \$1.25 per thousand. A roll call vote was**

taken.

Mr. Lindquist, Mr. Gannon and Mr. Audette voted yes. Mr. Klara, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Aharonian voted no. Chairman LeBlanc cast the deciding vote of no

A motion was made by Mr. Klara, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to set the tax rate for FY 2006 at \$1.20 per thousand. A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Lindquist, Mr. Gannon and Mr. Audette voted no. Mr. Klara, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Aharonian voted yes. Chairman LeBlanc cast the deciding vote of yes.

The tax rate is set at \$1.20 per thousand for FY 2006.

### Adjournment

Motion is made by Mr. Klara to adjourn the meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lindquist. All in favor. So voted.

Minutes submitted by: Fay Dakake, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: Edward LeBlanc \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman