

North Cumberland Fire District Board of Trustees

50 Arnold Mills Road Cumberland, RI

Minutes of February 19, 2014 Meeting

**Present: Phillip Koutsogiane, Chairman Excused: Robert Murray,
Treasurer**

Michael Spaziani, Vice Chair Others: Chief Brian Jackvony

John Patrick McCoy Martin Klara, Tax Collector

Charles Wilk Ghislaine Therien, Clerk Paul Lindquist

Brian Campbell

Harry MacDonald

OPENING

Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District (NCFD) at 7:01 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Wilk to move into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Lindquist. Motion carried by all present.

Motion made by Mr. McCoy to reopen regular meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilk. Motion carried by all present. Motion made by Mr. Wilk to seal the Executive Session Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Spaziani. No motion/vote taken at Executive session. Motion carried by all present.

CLERK'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to accept the January 2014 Minutes as presented and amended December 2013 Minutes. Motion carried by all present.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CHIEF'S REPORT/MONTHLY EXPENDITURES-JANUARY 2014

Chief Jackvony submitted his report which is repeated herein and incorporated by reference.

EMERGENCY CALLS

The North Cumberland Fire Department responded to 114 incidents in the month of

January 2014, this represents 9 additional responses for the same month in 2013. The following Fire Prevention activities were completed: 2 code compliance inspections; 13 resale inspections; 3 final inspections; 1 rough inspection; and 2 plan reviews.

PERSONNEL RESPONDED TO:

• 5 mutual aid; 1 electrical fire; 3 CO investigations; 3 gas odors; 3 motor vehicle accidents; and 1 odor of smoke.

PERSONNEL:

- Annual ice rescue training**
- Inspections at Emerald Square Mall**

- Hazardous materials portion of Level 1 in progress
- Firefighter Dube in 1021 Class.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Planning kitchen replacement

EQUIPMENT / APPARATUS

- Engine 5: Repairs to drop chains at Minuteman
- Truck 5: LED emergency lights ordered/New England Detroit Diesel for transmission repairs/radio repairs by Cyber Comm
- Brush 51: Fuel leak repaired at Triton

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Heating issue resolved – circuit breaker.

Motion made by Mr. Lindquist and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to accept the Chief's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.

TREASURER'S REPORT - January 2014

Mr. Murray not present at meeting. Will review at the March 2014 meeting.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – January 2014

Mr. Klara submitted his report which is repeated herein and incorporated by reference.

- \$71,298.25.taxes collected; YTD \$1,662,251.86

- **2013-2012 total taxes Due \$167,042.16**
- **Prior years taxes due \$47,156.05**
- **Fees paid \$900.00**
- **Negotiations ongoing for collection program**

Motion made by Mr. Lindquist and seconded by Mr. McCoy to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Management, Budget, Taxes

Nothing to report

Apparatus/Buildings/Ground

Nothing to report

Personnel/Labor Relations

Nothing to report.

Negotiation

Discuss in Executive Session

Consolidation

Discuss under Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

Consolidation Update with Requirements

- **Next meeting February 24, 2014**
- **To discuss transition issues**
- **To speak with FIS regarding insurance rates**
- **Will discuss Blue Cross/Blue Shield**

NEW BUSINESS

Third Party Administration of injury claims; Formulation of committee for the preservation of NCFD historical information

- **Set up committee to collect historical photos/data pertaining to the District**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Johnson (Neighbor):

Mr. Johnson is willing to provide and share any historical information regarding the District and school house. He noticed that the windows on the school house need to be repaired or replaced with windows that would keep the historical integrity of the building. When the districts merge, who would maintain the school house?

Mr. Wilk suggested going before the Town Council to try and designate the school house property as an historical landmark or have Representative MacBeth go to the Legislature.

Chairman Koutsogiane stated the Board needs to wait for the new commission to be in place. The school house is currently used for meetings and would still have a useful function to the District. He also stated the window frames on the school house are in good shape and the NCFD needs to consider the estimated cost of repair.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Wilk and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all present. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ghislaine D. Therien

Recording Clerk