

# **Indian Lake Shores Fire District Council Meeting**

**October 2006**

**Present: President Pat Giarrusso, Vice President Karla Steele, Treasurer Art Novsam, Secretary Penney Hanson, Council members Jack Bergantini, Jeff Hanson, Jean Larson, Kevin Donohue and Ed Kent. Residents John and Jane Bessette.**

**President Giarrusso called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m..**

## **I. Secretary's Report:**

**The minutes from the June 28th, 2006 meeting were presented and accepted unanimously on a motion made by Jeffrey Hanson and seconded by Arthur Novsam.**

## **II. Treasurer's Report:**

**Savings 4114.74**

**Checking 3147.91**

**CD 5218.98**

**Total           12481.63**

**Uncollected Taxes 870.40**

**A. The \$17151.16 Union Fire District bill is due on 10/31/2006. The**

**\$1400.00 bill for landscaping is due 11/1.**

**B. The tax bills went out last week and the payments have begun to come in.**

**C. The Annual Meeting was at the end of August. Preparation of the tax bills is time consuming. The 2007 Annual Meeting needs to be earlier for the bills to go out earlier. A tentative date of June 25, 2007 was set for the next Annual Meeting.**

**D. The final figures for the walk-thru were \$1918.00 more than the original \$8000.00 estimate for a total of \$9918.00. Packer got a \$3000.00 retainer.**

**E. Treasurer Novsam acquired tax Exemption Certificates. Copies were made and are available for ILSFD purchases thru the Treasurer and the Secretary.**

**The Treasurers Report was unanimously accepted on a motion made by Penney Hanson and seconded by Karla Steele.**

**The Bessettes came to the ILSFD Council to discuss the “annex” that they are putting on their property. They want to put gravel on the first 125’ of Bow & Arrow Trail North to give the annex an egress to the public roadway of Indian Head Trail without having to put a driveway thru their land.**

**The ILSFD is unsure of their responsibility for the road. Since the Town of South Kingstown did not accept the road at the same time as Bow & Arrow Trail South in 1984 the road has remained undeveloped and overgrown. Legal council, as a “paper road”, considered it at that**

time. There are quite a few lots on the paper road. The ILSFD Council is also unsure if they own the road and therefore have any responsibility for the road. Jean Larson will contact John Shock, Town Engineer, to see if he can clarify this question.

A lengthy discussion ensued as to the responsibilities of the Bessettes and the ILSFD. There was concern from both parties as to who would be responsible for the road and any legal action that might result after improving the road. The council asked their legal counsel, Attorney Packer, for his advise. He stated that the best course of action would be to have the Bessettes sign a maintenance and indemnity agreement with ILSFD. That was unsatisfactory with the Bessettes.

The following motion made by Jack Bergantini and seconded by Karla Steele was passed unanimously: If the ILSFD does own the road than the Bessettes need to sign a Maintenance and Indemnity agreement. Another meeting will be scheduled when more information has been gathered.

**Old Business:**

1) Walking Path: Jack Bergantini states that the path is completed. The deed has been filed with the Town of South Kingstown. Jack and his sons, Gregg, Kurt and Jeremy Bergantini, Paul Giarrusso, Paul Mello, Doug Miro, Brian Lind and Rich Diggins worked 9 hours to

**complete the grading and landscaping of the path. The ILSFD Council sincerely appreciates all the time and effort that was put into connecting our two plats.**

**2) 32 Tomahawk Trail South: A Town Councilman came out to survey the property. He witnessed the state of the property and recognized the concern for abutting residents. Both he and the Town Manager sent Building Inspector Brown out and the owner was cited for various types of building violations.**

**The property is for sale. An open house was conducted last weekend. The property that is registered with town hall is on a 22000 square foot lot. The property listed was advertised as being on an 11000 square foot lot. It is also unclear if the property is still in Eric Slader's name.**

**Attorney Packard suggested we contact Planning to determine what is going on with the property. President Giarrusso was referred from Planning to Zoning to Building Inspector. At this time the Building Inspector is away until November 2nd. Until there is more information and monies in the accounts the ILSFD is refraining from ripping out the walkway on the North Beach.**

### **III. New Business**

**a. There is a boat up on cement blocks next to a fire hydrant in front of the Whitlows property in the South Plat. Secretary Hanson called them and they will remove it by the end of the week.**

**b. There is still a problem with unregistered cars in both plats. When Building Inspector Brown gets back at the beginning of November he will be contacted.**

**c. Bigger signage is needed on the bulletin boards at the head of the plats.**

**d. Indian Trail South is in deplorable condition. The town highway department has patched the road in places but there is still considerable erosion and a number road hazards.**

**i. Bill Boardman (ext 252) was contacted. He stated that Johnny Cake Trail is the only road scheduled to be repaved and that is not until 2008-2009. He suggested a letter be drafted and sent to Jon Schock requesting paving for Indian Trail.**

**e. Claire Sheldon's husband, Ken, died. A sympathy card was sent on behalf of the ILSFD Council.**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 20th at President Giarrusso's home. The first hour will be a work session for ILSFD**

**Council only and the meeting will be open to the public at 8:30.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on a motion made by Jack Bergantini and seconded by Jeff Hanson.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Secretary Penney Hanson**