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*Watch Hill Fire District
Watch Hill, R.I. 02891*

PARK COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, September 9, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Fire Station

222 Watch Hill Road

Watch Hill, RI

A meeting of the Park Commission of the Watch Hill Fire District was held at the Watch Hill Fire Station at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 9, 2016.

The following members were present:

Grant G. Simmons III, Chairman Park Commission
Jeanne Blasberg
Dabney Pierce
Elizabeth Bean

District Council members present:

John M. Regan III, Deputy Moderator
Robert C. Murray, Treasurer
Andrew J. Parsons, Member at Large
Robert Peacock, Fire Chief

Also present were:

Alicia Perrone, Fire District Office Manager

Proper notice having been given and a quorum being present, the Park Commission chairman, Grant G. Simmons III, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of August 29, 2016, which were previously circulated, were approved.

Citizen Comment and Board Response

There were no citizen comments presented at this meeting. Mr. Simmons suggested that during future meetings the Citizens Comments should follow Current Business.

Current Business

Mr. Simmons began the discussion with the first item of current business which was a vote to delay all lease review until next year. Since all parties had been put on notice that the leases were being reviewed, it was decided that the leases need to be rewritten by Mr. Knisley, to make them legal in all terms and then present them to the lessees for review and negotiation. Final approval of the rewritten leases will have to come from the District Council at a future meeting. Mr. Parsons questioned as to whether or not the insurance issues of the current leases had been resolved. Mrs. Pierce responded that insurance had been added where needed for this year.

With regard to the Fort Road budget and work to be done on Fort Road, Mr. Simmons suggested that Fort Road needs to be visited to make an assessment of the current issues. There is approximately \$10,000 in the budget for repairs there but that money could be used toward bathroom repairs of which that budget has been depleted. While the Park Commission budget may be depleted in these areas, the District Council may have the funds to put toward Fort Road before the repairs become more involved than they would have been with early intervention. Mr. Regan suggested that Mr. Simmons advise the Council at the afternoon meeting as to the short term fixes that are needed and should be addressed.

Mrs. Pierce also suggested that once the bathroom building is closed after Columbus Day and the bathroom building can be more adequately assessed, a determination can be made at that point whether short term fixes are required or if a more comprehensive repair needs to take place. It is also possible that repairs may be structural and larger in scope.

Open call to convene in Closed/Executive session

At 11:16 a.m., Mr. Simmons made an open call to convene in closed/executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-45-5(a) (1)-(10) for the purpose of discussing the following leases:

- a. Larkin Road parking lot
- b. Merry-Go-Round
- c. Bathing Beach
- d. Watch Hill Dock lease

The call was seconded and approved.

At the conclusion of the closed/executive session a motion was made to return to open session. At 11:40 a.m. the Commission returned to open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Perrone
Office Manager