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Exeter Fire District

(June 5, 2014)

Call to Order

Chairman Scott Kettelle called the June 5th meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 6:35pm. Commissioners Scott Kettelle, Patricia Whitford, Charles Franklin, Andrew Slater, Kevin Rooney and Bill Nievera were present. District solicitor Peter Ruggiero, Chief Roddy Jordan and town EMA Director, Stephan Coutoulakis were also present.

Public Comment

Mr. Coutoulakis presented a federal reimbursement check for public safety response to a recent incident, along with documents that require a signature. Mr. Nievera will see that Ms. MacDonald receives the check, documents and the disbursement schedule.

Communications

Mr. Nievera presented two letters from recently interviewed candidates for the position of Chief of EMS. He also reported that all operational mail has been given to the treasurer for her action.

New Business

Mr. Kettelle welcomed Tom Lawrence to the meeting. Mr. Lawrence

is the choice of the hiring committee to become the Chief of EMS for the district. Mr. Slater moved (Ms. Whitford second) accepting the recommendation of the hiring committee and hire Mr. Lawrence as EMS Chief. The motion carried unanimously. All congratulated Mr. Lawrence.

Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Franklin second) pursuant to RIGL §42-46-4 & 5(a) (2) Potential Litigation (Dissolution of rescue service company), that the board enter into executive session. The roll call vote was unanimous. Executive session was entered at 6:48pm.

Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Franklin second) returning to open session 8:55pm. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Whitford moved (Mr. Rooney second) sealing the minutes of this executive session. On a roll call vote that motion carried unanimously. It was announced by the Chair that no votes were taken in the executive session.

After a short discussion Mr. Franklin moved (Ms. Whitford second) researching contracting with a private ambulance service should our legislation continue to be held up at the State House. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nievera was asked to send the minutes of the meeting that authorized the establishment of four accounts for the new EMS service to Mr. D'Orsi. He was also asked to notify the treasurer of her need to send the above mentioned checks, along with copies of the

signatories' drivers' licenses. He will do so at his earliest opportunity.

Mr. Kettelle asked that at the next meeting we discuss a consent agenda allowing Mr. D'Orsi to pay bills under a pre-determined amount without special authorization. Mr. Nievera will place this matter on the agenda for the 06/12 meeting.

Mr. Rooney announced a schedule for reviewing letters and interviewing applicants for the full time and per-diem positions currently being offered. His sub-committee will meet Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30 at station #2. Additionally, they will meet on Saturday morning at 8:00am, also at station #2.

Mr. Rooney stated that the Town Council had adopted a resolution in support of our efforts to start the EMS Service.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on June 12, 2014. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public Library and will begin at 7:00pm.

Additionally, there will be a meeting of the hiring sub-committee to discuss and review letters of interest and resume's for the posted EMT/per-diem positions in the new rescue service. That meeting will be held on Monday June 9th at Station #2 on Nooseneck Hill Rd. and will begin at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

**Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Rooney second) adjournment at 9:30pm.
The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bill Nievera, Clerk
Exeter Fire District**