

Ross Aker, Commissioner called the Regular Meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order on March 12, 2015 at 7:05 pm at the Exeter Public Library.

Roll Call: Commissioners Present Patricia Whitford, Andrew Slater, William Haas, Robert Johnson. Commissioners absent Kevin Rooney, Charles Franklin. Also present Attorney Peter Ruggiero, Pauline MacDonald, Treasurer.

Public Comment: Marvin Hughes asked questions in regards to the budget of the Fire Department. He is questioning the Capital Program and wanting a complete report of all the numbers in the Fire Department Budget in order to make a decision. The Budgeting process and the Fire Department budget were explained by the Board. MaryBeth Cournoyer spoke in regards to Capital Program for the Fire Department purchasing new trucks and having money to cover the trucks. Ms. Cournoyer is wondering if the Departments are in need of more money in their Capital Fund to cover their truck fund properly. The Board explained the entities bring forth what they wish to request from the tax payers for the ensuing year.

Calvin Ellis spoke in regards of the history of the Fire Department how it started by a few farmers getting together working with Fire Prevention, then it turned into Exeter Fire Department and continue to grow over the years, supported by the town but not taken over by the town.

Minutes: Motion made by Bill Haas to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of February 12, 2015. second by Robert Johnson. **Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

Treasurer report: Pauline gave an update on the accounts (attached). Tax Collections are 74.4%. All m Fire District bills are paid to date. Motion made by Bill Haas to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. second by Robert Johnson. **Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

Resignation of Pauline MacDonald; Pauline has submitted her resignation as Treasurer of the Fire Board. Pauline stated she would try to stay on through June 30, 2015. No action was taken.

Archiving Rescue records: Chief Lawrence spoke on this issue he believes this may work with a couple of filing cabinets, however these cabinets will need space. This item will be carried until a solution is confirmed.

Appointment of Clerk: No Action taken.

State Police Location: Commissioner Haas reported Job Corps should begin work on the EMS Building Mid March. Dan Patterson, Town Councilman is working with the State Police moving the bullet proof glass from the Scituate Barracks to the EMS Building for installation.

Budget for 2015-2016: Resolutions, we have a copy of the draft resolutions. Discussion the Tax Levy Resolution to read not less than \$1,229,312.00 nor more than \$1,232,312.00 which will give an abatement amount of \$3,000.00 the dates for the tax due to read September 15th, December 15th,

March 15th, June 15th. Interest to be charged on amount of 12% per annum pro-rated at one percent 1% per month. After discussion, Motion made by William Haas to make the corrections to the resolutions as stated. Second by Robert Johnson. **Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

Budget Adoption: Motion made by William Haas to adopt the Fire District's proposed budget for the 2015-16 ensuing year of \$1,229,312.00. Second by Robert Johnson. **Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

New Business: No new Business this evening.

Attorney Report: Nothing new to report this evening.

Status Tax Office: Patricia read the Tax Collector's report for March (attached). The Tax Collector would like the Board consider Vision Government Solutions to print and mail the tax bills 2015-16. Patricia recommended the Board consider the document after the District meeting on April 8th.

EMS Report; Tom Lawrence, Chief presented the EMS report (attached).

Exeter #1; No report this evening Chief Chamberlain is attending a structure fire.

Exeter #2; No report this evening Chief Franklin is attending a structure fire.

Administrated issues: No issues this evening.

Motion made by Bill Haas to adjourn at 8:15 pm second by Robert Johnson. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2015. Financial District Meeting April 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Whitford
Acting Clerk Exeter Fire District