

Kevin Rooney, Vice Chairman called the Special Meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order on April 16, 2015 at 7:05 pm at Exeter Fire Station #2.

Roll Call: Commissioners Present Patricia Whitford, Andrew Slater, William Haas, Robert Johnson, Charles Franklin, New member Robert Pacheco welcomed. Also present Attorney Peter Ruggiero.

Public Comment: Mr. Rodman Jordan spoke to the Board on behalf being a taxpayer not as any connection to EMS or Fire Departments. Mr. Jordan is concerned over the runs that are being made to Phoenix House why we have to call in out of town rescues to respond to our own citizens when we are tied up at phoenix House. Could this be made an agenda item to discuss a possible solution, it appears we could be being abused. Charlie Franklin stated recent activity at Phoenix House needs to be discussed. Bill Haas has been talking to Chief Lawrence over 25% of the runs are Phoenix House. Mr. Jordan also has concerns over the third Rescue that has set outside the Rescue Building all winter the rescue does not have much worth maybe \$6-7,000. Charlie Franklin stated the rescue is going to be moved to Woody Hill Station, Charlie has not been able to get a date set to move the rescue.

Resignation of Pauline MacDonald; Pauline has submitted her resignation as Treasurer of the Fire Board. Motion made by Robert Johnson to accept the resignation Pauline MacDonald second by Charles Franklin. **Voted Unanimously in the affirmative.** Pauline will be missed. Kevin has spoke to Peter D'Orsi the Board needs to outline a proposal.

401-K for EMS Employees: Seth Lerner is present from Compass, discussion on having a trustee for the plan. The draft has been set and sent to Kevin awaiting Trustee. Seth explained the company could be the trustee, however the trustee should be part of the Board. Kevin will check with Peter D'Orsi to see if he would be interested in being the Trustee, Robert Pacheco stated he would volunteer to be the trustee if Peter chose not. This item will be placed on the May agenda.

TAX OFFICE/COLLECTIONS: In February there was discussion of possibly Tax Collections from the fire district done through the Town Tax Collector as the School District does. Town Council had placed this item on the April Council Agenda and then removed because the Commissioners had not agreed on the move at that point. The Council is ready to place the item on the May agenda the Board needs to give the Council direction. Discussion ensues with the Board. Patricia Whitford spoke in regards to the possible move with thoughts that if the district was not paying a Tax Collector then it could be possible the district could pay a Treasurer and include EMS, Fire District, and possibly Dispatch. After lengthy discussion. Motion made by Robert Johnson to leave the Tax Collections within the Fire District, the Board to set standard rules and policies for the Collector to follow. Second by William Haas. **Voted unanimously in the affirmative.** Kevin will notify the Town Council in with the Board's decision. Robert Johnson will be liaison to the Tax Collector's Office.

Administrative issues: Bill Haas spoke in regards to the letter he sent to the Town Council in regards of having the Dept of Public Works fix the drain and parking area in front of the EMS Building. This area of parking is very dangerous. With the State Police being located at the EMS building this area will be need

for parking of EMS employees and visitors to the building. The property is located within the DOT jurisdiction. However perhaps the Town will help out.

Motion made by Bill Haas to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Second by Robert Johnson. **Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia L. Whitford,
Acting Clerk Exeter Fire District

DRAFT