

# **EXETER FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

**December 10, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Location: Exeter Public Library**

**773 Ten Rod Road**

**Exeter, RI 02822**

### **1. Call to Order**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Chair, Kevin Rooney.**

### **2. Roll Call**

**Members Present: George Lieb; Kevin Rooney; Bill Haas; Charles Franklin; Andrew Slater; Robert Johnson. Robert Pacheco was absent. Also present, Assistant Legal Counsel David R. Petrarca, Jr., Esq., Rescue Chief Lawrence, and one member of the public.**

### **3. Public Comment**

**None**

### **4. Approval of Minutes (11-12-15)**

**This item was tabled until the next meeting to allow for the members to read and review them.**

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

**It was reported that Peter D'Orsi was unable to travel at the current**

time, and though he is lessening his workload, he is keeping EFD as a client.

## **6. Communications**

This item was moved to the end of the meeting by the Chair, with consent of all the members of the Board.

## **7. Old Business**

**A. Discussion regarding Purchase & Installation of a security feature for the main entrance to the EMS building.**

Chief Lawrence is still awaiting a quote and hopes to bring it to the next meeting.

**B. Review and discussion of letters received by Chief Lawrence.**

Question as to whether the EMS building well is on Mr. Harrison's property. Mr. Harrison was expecting a letter from EFD in response to his letters. On Saturday, December 4, 2015, he threatened to cut the well's electric wire, hoping it "would ruffle some feathers." Chief Lawrence resolved the situation at the scene and promised to bring his concerns to the EFD Board.

A motion was made by B. Haas to send a response letter to Mr. Harrison's letters. C. Franklin seconded the motion. Approved

**unanimously.**

## **8. New Business**

### **A. Discussion and possible action of Pay Increases for EMS Personnel.**

**Chief Lawrence was unable to speak with Peter D'Orsi, so he is unable to confirm whether there is money in the budget for the proposed increases. He hopes to know next month what, if anything, can be done. The matter was tabled until next meeting.**

### **B. Set 2016 meeting calendar.**

**B. Haas made a motion to set the 2016 meeting calendar to the 2nd Thursday of each month in the year 2016. B. Johnson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.**

### **C. Election of Officers**

**K. Rooney nominated C. Franklin as Chair. No other nominations were made. B. Haas moved to close the nominations and appoint C. Franklin as Chair. G. Lieb seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**K. Rooney nominated B. Johnson as Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. K. Rooney moved to close the nominations and appoint B. Johnson as Chair. A. Slater seconded. Approved unanimously.**

## **D. Discussion and potential adoption of Forbearance Agreement**

**Form and policy were discussed. Based on advice of Assistant Legal Counsel Petrarca, no vote was necessary or taken.**

**E. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Letter to Robert Harrison.**

**Discussed under 7(A) above.**

## **9. Reports**

### **A. Tax Collectors Office**

**None**

### **B. EMS Chief**

**Chief Lawrence reported that residents will not get billed for transport only. Waiver now in place with the billing company (Dawson).**

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### **C. Exeter Fire Dept. #1**

**Regional grants allows for 36 packs now in use. There was also much discussion on the Gardner Road closure/blockage. There was also discussion of ongoing incidents at a certain address and the**

efforts to have the Town of Exeter help the people living at that address.

**D. Exeter Fire Dept. #2**

None.

**10. Administrative Issues**

None

**6. Communications (moved from earlier in the meeting)**

K. Rooney announced that he was moving out of town and was submitting his resignation from the Board. The Board accepted the resignation with regret and wished K. Rooney well.

**Adjournment**

It was announced that the next meeting of the Board will be at 7:00pm on January 14, 2016 at the Exeter Public Library.

B. Haas made motion to adjourn. B. Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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David R. Petrarca, Jr., Esq.

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