

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

**February 25, 2016 - 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 7:04 p.m. by the Chair, Charles Franklin.**

### **2. Roll Call**

**Members Present: George Lieb; Bill Haas; Charles Franklin; Andrew Slater; Robert Johnson. Robert Pacheco was absent. Also present, Legal Counsel Peter Ruggiero, Fire #1 Chief Chamberlin, Fire #2 Chief Franklin, EMS Chief Lawrence, and one member of the public.**

### **3. Public Comment**

**None**

### **4. Fire District Budget Public Hearing**

**Scott Kettle presented the Dispatch Call Center budget request. Several questions were asked by Fire District Board members and members of the public in attendance.**

**Chief Lawrence presented the EMS budget request. Several questions were asked by Fire District Board members and members of the public in attendance.**

**Chief Chamberlin presented the Fire #1 budget request. Board members asked several questions concerning two capital purchases proposed by Fire #1 – one for a new “jaws of life” and a second for a new engine. The cost for the two pieces of apparatus was approximately \$480,000, which Chief Chamberlin explained would be paid for using Fire #1 retained surplus and debt service. The capital purchases would require an approximate 28 percent increase in the Fire #1 budget request from the Fire District from their current budget allocation. Several questions were asked by members of the public in attendance. The Chair of the Board requested Fire #1 to consider the questions and concerns raised by Board members and the public concerning their budget request and consider whether any revision could be made to their budget proposal. Chief Chamberlin agreed to review their budget request and submit a final proposed budget in time for the Fire District Board’s next regular meeting.**

**Chief Franklin presented the Fire #2 budget request. Several questions were asked by Fire District Board members and members of the public in attendance.**

**Fire Board Chair Franklin presented the District’s Administration budget request. No questions were presented.**

**The Board commenced a discussion and reached a consensus to continue the public hearing to their March 12, 2016 meeting scheduled to meet at the Exeter Public Library at 7 pm to complete their review and vote on the overall budget to recommend to the voters at the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Fire District. A motion**

**was made by Mr. Haas, seconded by Mr. Slater to continue the budget public hearing to March 12, 2016 at 7 pm at the Exeter Public Library. The motion was approved unanimously. No further action was taken on this agenda matter.**

#### **4. Adjournment**

**Charles Franklin made a motion to adjourn. Bob Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**/s/ Peter D. Ruggiero\_\_\_\_\_**

**Peter D. Ruggiero**

**District Legal Counsel**