

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

**July 14, 2016 - 7:00 PM**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Location: Exeter #2**

**366 Nooseneck Hill Rd**

**Exeter, RI 02822**

### **Call to Order**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Charles Franklin.**

### **1. Roll Call**

**Members Present: George Lieb; Bill Haas; Charles Franklin; Robert Johnson; Robert Pacheco, Bill Nievera, and Andrew Slater was absent. Also present, Legal Counsel Peter Ruggiero, EMS Chief Lawrence and Jean McMahon, EFD Tax Collector.**

### **2. Public Comment**

**None**

### **3. Approval of Minutes (6-9-16)**

**4. Mr. Nievera made a motion to approve of the Commissioners meeting minutes of 6-9-15 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously by all members present.**

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

**No report, verbal comments relayed to Mr. Ruggiero by Mr. D'Orsi were communicated to the board. Noted that a deposit of \$108,317.74 was made by Exeter Rescue Corp.**

## **6. Communications**

**None. Insurance is all set.**

## **7. Old Business**

**A. Funds were transferred from Exeter Rescue Corp on 6-29-16, amount was \$108,317.74. This issue is now closed.**

**B. Boiler replacement. The building permit has been issued, Mr. Hass gave full report with quotes from Exeter Fuel and D'Angelo Custom Homes. Much discussion took place. Motion to go ahead with the work and have the Board Chair sign the contracts was made by Mr. Johnson. Several commissioners, being customers of Exeter Fuel Co., inquired of the legal counsel as to their need to whether they must recuse themselves from this vote. Mr. Ruggiero stated that the act of being a customer did not constitute a special relationship conflict of interest, per se, and thus all commissioners would be able to vote on this matter. Mr. Haas seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**C. Review need for meeting for August was discussed, August meeting will be as scheduled.**

**D. Mrs. McMahon met with Vision and has check list to complete. Tax Rate is \$1.73, bills by 22nd or 25th of the month. Same format as last year.**

## **8. New Business**

**A. Non-medical request for rescue was tabled.**

**B. Annual increase for Tax Collector was discussed. Motion for increase at same rate as last year (3%) was made by M. Pacheco, seconded by Mr. Nievera, all in favor except Mr. Johnson who voted no.**

**C. Abatements. The process was explained by Ms. McMahon to the board. It was determined that the Tax Collector will provide the board with a list of abatements with back up from the town.**

## **9. Reports**

**A. Tax Collector's Office. Ms. McMahon had reported so much information during the meeting she had nothing to add.**

**B. EMS. Chief Lawrence report that Rescue 3 is in service and they have been switching up the rescues on runs. Some small plumbing repairs are being completed.**

**C. Exeter 1. No report.**

**D. Exeter 2. They have been busy with runs, things are going well.**

## **10. Administrative Issues**

**None**

**Adjournment**

**Mr. Haas made motion to adjourn Mr. Lieb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.**

**Next meeting is August 11th, at the Exeter 2 Fire Station.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Robert J. Pacheco, Jr.**

**District Secretary**