

WEEKAPAUG FIRE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, June 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Moderator Doug Randall. Those in attendance were Doug Randall, Frank Kinney, Susie Mackay, Jim Maynard, officers of the Weekapaug Fire District; Carol Carmody, Amy Carvell, Gale Hunt, Sue Lester, Dan Richards, and Peter Seidenberg, members-at-large; Tom Dwyer and Howard Hyde, commissioners. Also in attendance were Lang Heminway, former board member; Rick Constantine, former Moderator; Gina Breakstone, Chair Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation; and Deming Sherman, WFD attorney.

Those absent were Emily Mugge and Scott Wakeman.

Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation Innlet Project: Chair Gina Breakstone reported on the progress of the Innlet project. A new survey of the property has been requested by the town. A change has been made to expand the number of parking spaces in front of Jeanne's office. Concerns about safety were raised including the width of the bike path. Pavers will be placed in the bike paths and can be purchased for \$500 each and personalized. Any major changes to the plan will require the WFC to start over with the permitting process. Trees will probably not be planted because of the expense. The Ice Cream Truck will remain on campus. The WFC does not want to impact the business of the Innlet so construction would

begin following their season. Moderator Doug Randall suggested that Gina take our suggestions to Designer Hank White.

The Minutes of the May 24, 2014 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Maynard and Deputy Moderator Frank Kinney updated the group on the financial outlook for WFD. Due to increased activity at the state level that may impact the financial reporting requirements for Fire Districts, Jim and Frank completed an analysis of the District's financial statements over the past five years and prepared a budget for fiscal 2015. After extensive discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to recommend at the Annual Meeting a 4% or approximately \$13,000 increase in taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015.

Tax Assessor's Report: Susie Mackay reported that all taxes have been collected.

Commissioners Reports:

Public Safety: Tom Dwyer reported that the security team is in place and each guard has a manual on how to do their job. A reminder has been sent to WFD residents restating the dog ordinance following a dog incident.

Public Works: Howard Hyde reported that there is a tremendous

amount of construction going on in the community and it is ruining the roads. He is getting prices to complete additional road repairs following this boom. The \$1000 fee from residents doing construction is being collected per the WFD ordinance. The lifeguard chairs are falling apart. Howard will get estimates to rebuild them and look into the cost of tubular chairs. He expressed frustration over the Overlook maintenance. While the State may pay because of Superstorm Sandy, no one will call him back. Howard and Doug will contact Senator Dennis Algiere.

New Business: Moderator Doug Randall reported that 3 benches have been provided by the town and placed along Weekapaug Road just north of Atlantic Avenue. For \$600 you can sponsor a bench and apply a plaque.

Nominating: Moderator Doug Randall reported that he will be going off the WFD Board. Wes Sparks will be joining the Board. Frank Kinney will become Moderator; Tom Dwyer, Deputy Moderator; Dan Richards, Treasurer. Jim Maynard will continue on the Finance Committee and remain on the Board. Wes Sparks will be the head of Public Safety and Peter Seidenberg will become the Tax Assessor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Lester for Emily Mugge

Secretary