

WEEKAPAUG FIRE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Moderator Frank Kinney. Those in attendance were Frank Kinney, Assistant Moderator Tom Dwyer, Secretary Emily Mugge, Tax Assessor Peter Seidenberg, Commissioners Howard Hyde and Scott Wakeman, and Members-at-Large Carol Lovell Carmody and Amy Carvell. Former Moderator Doug Randall also attended.

Those absent were Gale Hunt, Sue Lester, Susie Mackay, Jim Maynard, Treasurer Dan Richards, and Commissioner Wes Sparks.

The Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Weekapaug Fire District Capital Improvements: Frank presented a detailed plan to move forward with repair of the WFD office building as a result of the Innlet project. The proposal, presented by Tom Dwyer and Howard Hyde, is to move forward in two steps: repair the front portion of the building now and wait to do the rear building at a later time. This project has been discussed in detail at several past meetings but was delayed until budget matters could be evaluated. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with Phase 1 of the project. The motion was passed unanimously.

Two WFD vehicles have been in service well beyond their expected useful lives. The Executive Committee passed a motion last year to

acquire a new vehicle. The purchase was delayed until budget matters could be evaluated. The committee agreed to move forward immediately to purchase a new vehicle, delegating authority to Tom Dwyer.

Financial Overview: Dan Richards updated the financial plan discussed at the last meeting. Given the deteriorating condition of the WFD owned roads and other capital needs, the Executive Committee has been evaluating options to rebuild capital reserves and fund these projects. After extensive debate, a motion was made and seconded that reflected the sentiments of the Executive Committee for an increase in taxes to pay for these needed capital upgrades. The motion was agreed to unanimously and stated: “It is the sense of the Executive Committee that a substantial tax increase will be needed to fund ongoing capital needs of the WFD and that it will be preferable to fund these costs with taxes rather than increases in service and other fees.”

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held over the Memorial Day weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Emily M. Mugge
Secretary