

WEEKAPAUG FIRE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Frank Kinney. Those in attendance were Frank Kinney, Assistant Moderator Tom Dwyer, Secretary Emily Mugge, Treasurer Dan Richards, Tax Assessor Peter Seidenberg, Commissioners Howard Hyde and Wes Sparks, and Members-at-Large Amy Carvell, Gale Hunt, Sue Lester, Susie Mackay and Jim Maynard. Former Moderator Rick Constantine also attended. Those absent were Carol Lovell Carmody and Commissioner Scott Wakeman.

The Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Commissioners' Reports

Public Works: Tom and Howard reported that projects to get WFD ready for the summer are underway. Repair of the WFD office building as a result of the Innlet project is proceeding according to plan.

Beach: Scott reported via email that the beaches are in good shape.

Security: Wes reported that all the security and lifeguards have been hired for the summer. Tom Gulluscio will patrol parking lots and beaches in the mornings to enforce the "no dogs on the beach" rule.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Overview: Dan Richards provided updated financials for the WFD's continuing analysis and consideration of the 2015 and 2016 budgets. After considerable discussion, the WFD Executive Committee determined that a tax increase will be necessary in 2016. The WFD agreed that it is important to hold two meetings for residents to explain the financials and answer questions before the Annual Meeting. The meetings are scheduled for June 27 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and July 3 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Weekapaug Chapel.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the WFD accept the 2015 8-month budget as highlighted on the exhibit: "CY 2015 & 2016 Operating Budget Summary."

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the WFD accept the 2016 budget contingent on the percentage of tax increase approved by residents in the Annual Meeting.

Old Business: Frank reported that the sale of Ocean Breeze Farm will close in September. The purchaser is The New England Farm and Food Fund, an organic vegetable and flower farm.

New Business: The WFC (Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation) has asked if the WFD would endorse restoration of the marsh on Weekapaug Road. Save the Bay has proposed digging runnels to ensure that water in the marsh flows more efficiently. Questions concerning possible liability and the extent and impact of an

endorsement need to be answered before the WFD can respond to the WFC.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Emily M. Mugge, Secretary