

WEEKAPAUG FIRE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES: Saturday, November 28, 2015

Present: Moderator Frank Kinney; Deputy Moderator Tom Dwyer; Treasurer Dan Richards; Clerk Donna Byrnes; Commissioners: Wes Sparks, Scott Wakeman; Members-at-Large Carol Lovell Carmody, Gale Hunt, Sue Lester, Jim Maynard, Tina Piccaro; Former Moderators Rick Constantine, Doug Randall;

Additional Committee Members: Carol Daukas, Charlie Warner, Matt Zola

Absent: Howard Hyde, Susie Mackay, Peter Seidenberg

Meeting called to order at 8 AM by Frank.

The Minutes from the September 5th 2015 Executive Committee were approved.

Beach: Scott reviewed plan to hire Aaron Perkins, a firefighter who currently oversees Shelter Harbor beach, to hire/train all new lifeguards; conduct CPR training of staff and community members at key sites; promote better assistance at water edge. Cost will be same given better management of staffing/salaries, Aaron would report to Tom Lloyd, Shelter Harbor (SH) Moderator, with dotted line to Scott, and Tom Gulluscio doing admin.

Proposal by WFC to co-locate at WFD: Frank reports that WFC a year away from any decision, and WFD still has work to do with asbestos

removal, reroofing, and clearance of attic area.

Fund Raising Events 2016: Per Frank and Sue Lester, small community/family events will be organized as needed to do targeted fundraising.

Noyes Neck Farm: Frank reported that sale to organic farmer did not materialize.

Barrier Beach: Scott reported uptick in barrier beach misuse with increased vehicles, fires, ATVs, garbage, and destroyed vegetation/habitats. Scott requesting commitment of vehicles and funding to patrol along with Shelter Harbor and NICA. Discussion ensued over safety of utilizing Tom Gulluscio. and Frank Realini in this capacity. Wes to talk to Tom G. for more input.

Tree/brush maintenance, especially on corners, is well received reported Carol Carmody and Tom Dwyer, with multi-year, spring and fall plan in place. Proposed garbage clean-up day by Susie Mackay is welcomed for the spring especially on the Fen, perhaps on Easter weekend if not competing with beach clean-up.

Weekapaug Inn: In response to Inn being good neighbor and requests for flexibility in original agreement, Frank will negotiate trial of one to two weddings per summer, with consideration of parking and noise concerns.

Road Repair Plan: Tom has three proposals for overlay work to be done in two weeks this spring post water main work on North Williams. Total project cost \$350k-\$375K including seasonal bolted down road bumps, painted crosswalks and SLOW signs on FD roads, and 3-way stop at Knowles and Meadow. Tom to drill down on the two more reasonable quotes, Ed French of Westerly and Beausoleil of Cranston.

Treasurer's Report: Dan reviewed current and projected YE financials, reserve fund balances. Dan and Matt Zola reviewed funding plan for roads including potential private loan and summary terms. Wes Sparks reviewed bathhouse and Haversham / Cove Point beach button agreements.

Human Resources: Carol Carmody reported on varied retirement tools to set up a fund for retiring employees.

Adjournment: 10:20 AM. Next Meeting: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Byrnes, Clerk