

**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND**

**FIRE MERGER COMMITTEE MEETING**

**45 BROAD STREET, TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CUMBERLAND, RI 02864**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2005**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Town of Cumberland Fire Merger Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm by Chairman Frank Stetkiewicz, with the following members present:**

**Mayor David S. Iwuc, David Fernandes, Becki Abilheira, Tom, Bruce, Richard Hilton, David Yacino, Tony Nobrega, Lorraine Hynes, Joe Monti, Ernie Cimino, Rick Susi, Marcel Bacon, Ed LeBlanc**

**ABSENT: John Jackson, Bob Billington**

**I. Chairman Stetkiewicz noted that a letter was received from Mr. Rene Coutu stating that**

**Mr. Coutu is unable to serve on the Fire Merger Committee.**

**II. Mayor Iwuc spoke regarding two (2) members being added to the committee. The Mayor stated that after consideration of the discussion at the September 29th, 2005, committee meeting regarding the necessity of all districts having proper representation on the committee, Mr. Ed LeBlanc and Mr. Marcel Bacon have been**

**added as voting members to the Fire Merger Committee.**

**III. At 5 pm, Chairman Stetkiewicz stated people were contacted prior to today's meeting and asked to serve on sub-committees. The six (6) sub-committees formed were: Board of Assessment, Finance, Fire Chiefs, Fire Fighters, Insurance, and Legal. He asked that those sub-committees adjourn to meeting areas throughout Town Hall for their initial/ introductory meeting.**

**IV. Session reconvened at 5:40 pm. It was the overall consensus of the groups that the Finance and Insurance Sub-Committees be combined to form one (1) Finance/Insurance Sub-Committee.**

**V. Chairman Stetkiewicz noted that Mr. Greg Noury should be added as a member of the Fire Chiefs Sub-Committee. That suggestion was agreeable to all parties and Mr. Noury accepted.**

**VI. There was discussion of advertising the Fire Merger Committee meetings in the Valley Breeze.**

**VII. Mr. Jim McLaughlin spoke of orchestrating a town-wide petition in support of a Fire District Merger. Chief Rick Susi and Mrs. Lorraine Hynes spoke against this idea stating this Committee was formed to review all options regarding the Fire Districts and not to steer the Town in any specific direction.**

**VIII. All sub-committees scheduled their next meetings:**

- **Fire Chiefs – Tuesday, 10/18 @ 1 pm at Cumberland Hill Fire Station**
- **Fire Fighters – Thursday, 10/20 @ 6 pm at Library**
- **Assessment – Friday, 10/21 @ 3:00 pm at Town Hall Conference Room**
- **Legal – Thursday, 10/20 @ 3:30 pm at Town Council Chambers (TCC)**
- **Finance/Insurance – 10/27 @ 3:30 pm at Finance Director's Office in Town Hall**

**IX. Announcement that the next Fire Merger Committee meeting will be on Thursday, October 27th, 2005, in Town Council Chambers.**

**X. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.**