

# Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee Meeting

Minutes

August 18, 2014

7:00pm

Hayden Library

The commissioners for the Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee in attendance – John McCoy NCFD, Michael Spaziani NCFD, James Leonard CFD, Dana Jones CFD, Ron Champagne CHFD, Arthur Cowell CHFD, Dana Jones VFFD, and Jim Scullin VFFD.

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

Motion to accept the July minutes was made by Jim Leonard and seconded by John McCoy. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial/Legal – John McCoy is updating the information and will have a draft ready for the September meeting.

Buildings & Apparatus – Nothing to Report

Labor – Nothing to Report

Media – Nothing to report

Insurance – Ron Champagne sent SOG's to VFIS regarding risk. He is hoping for quotes available for the September meeting. Ron is still waiting for information from the pension board.

## Old Business

Discussion was held regarding the State of Rhode Island strip of land behind the Cumberland Fire District. Jim Leonard will reach out to his contact. Jim Leonard was asked about the Cumberland Fire District budget. He stated that the budget was approved through April 30, 2015 but there should be enough in surplus to carry them through to June 30, 2015. Ron Champagne questioned if this was legal. John McCoy noted the bills state until April 2015.

Payroll – Jim Leonard requested the clerks look at a presentation by Ceridian as a possible candidate for the consolidated departments' payroll provider.

Consolidation plan – John McCoy will forward a draft copy of the plan to the commissioners.

Patch Design – Capt. Bardsley explained the final choices for patch, hat badges and uniform badges. The approximate price is 3.85 per patch and the company will honor for 100 or more in the future. Capt. Bardsley requested the committee's approval and then will take to the members.

Motion to allow the members to choose the patch and badge design was made by Ron Champagne and seconded by Arthur Cowell. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to ask the commissioners to approve funding for the patch/badge at about \$1500 per district by Ron Champagne and seconded by Jim Scullin. The motion carried unanimously.

## New Business

Public Comment – Dave Raymond raised a question about the new mailing address after the election. Ron Champagne noted that initially it would be the CHFD. Mike Spaziani stated that the tax collectors would stay where they were and that the actual consolidation could take months. Dave Raymond asked about desks and office equipment. Mike Spaziani explained the chiefs were in the process of inventorying all equipment owned by the districts.

The current Cumberland Fire District is behind in hydrant fees. Discussion was held regarding the district's ability to pay for the May and June 2015 operating expenses as well as the hydrant fees without extending the tax bills to cover until June 30, 2015.

Dave Raymond asked about the new uniforms for the consolidated district, such as color and style. It was noted by Ron Champagne that some districts allow shorts. Chief Jackvony stated that the uniform will be bargained for and will be drafted in the future. Mike Spaziani suggested the chiefs get together to discuss best practice and make a suggestion. Discussion about the working uniforms and dress uniforms was held.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Champagne and seconded by Jim Scullin. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting – September 15, 2014 7pm