

**Annual Meeting
Of the
Valley Falls Fire District
June 26, 2014**

The Annual Meeting of the Valley Falls Fire district was held on Thursday June 26, 2014 at the Cumberland Town Hall, 45 Broad Street, Cumberland, RI.

I Opening of Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Mr. Ernest Cimino, Moderator.

II Swearing In of Probationary Firefighter Francesco Zabatta

Francesco Zabatta was sworn in by Chairman Scullin.

III Election of Moderator for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

Motion made by Mr. Thomas Pytka to elect Mr. Ernest Cimino Moderator, seconded by Mr. Richard Hilton. Mr. Ernest Cimino cast one vote for moderator. Call for any further nominations made by the Moderator – none heard.

Motion to close nominations made by Mr. William McAtee, seconded by Mr. Thomas Pytka, motion carried.

IV Election of Clerk for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

Motion made by Mr. Ray Delgado to elect Mrs. Marilyn Hilton clerk, seconded by Mr. Norman Menard. Mr. Ernest Cimino, Moderator, cast one vote for Mrs. Marilyn Hilton, Clerk. Call for further nominations made by the moderator – none heard.

Motion to close nominations made by Mr. Charles Redihan, seconded by Mr. Thomas Pytka.

All in favor/ no nays.

V Old Business – “None”

VI Report of Fire Chief – Brian Jackvony (see attached)

Report presented by Chief Brian Jackvony.

Motion made to accept and file report as read and presented by Ms. Mary Billington, seconded by Mr. William McAtee. No discussion all in favor/no nays.

VII Board of Wardens Report – Mr. James Scullin, Chairman

Report presented by Mr. James Scullin, Chairman.

Motion made to accept the report as presented by Mr. Norman Menard, seconded by Mr. Charles Redihan. All in favor/ no nays.

VIII Election of One (1) Fire Warden

Motion made by Mr. Norman Menard to elect Mr. James Scullin for the office of Fire Warden for a five year term, seconded by Mr. Charles Redihan. Mr. Ernest Cimino, Moderator, cast one vote.

All in favor/ no nays.

IX Tax Collector's Report

Presented by Ms. Joy Sullivan, Tax Collector (see attached)

Motion made by Mr. William McAtee to accept report as filed, seconded by Mr. Norman Menard. All in favor/ no nays.

X Treasurer's Report

Presented by Mr. John Lopes (see attached)

Motion made by Mr. Richard Hilton to accept report as filed, seconded by Mr. Ray Delgado.

All in favor/ no nays.

XI Review of Budget – (see attached)

Presented by Mr. James Scullin, Chairman.

XII Passage of Budget

No questions asked regarding budget, budget filed as read.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas Pytka to approve the 2014-2015 budget of \$1,793,239.19 as presented, seconded by Mr. William McAtee. Motion passed by voice vote/ no nays.

XII Setting of Tax Rate

Mr. John Lopes made a recommendation to set the Tax Rate to \$2.34 per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation.

Mr. Richard Hilton made a motion to set the Tax Rate at \$2.34 per \$1,000.00 for the 2014-2015 fiscal years, seconded by Mr. William McAtee. Motion passed by voice vote/ no nays.

XIV Bonding Authority

Mr. James Scullin, Chairman, requested the Board of Fire Wardens be approved Bonding Authority to borrow up to \$150,000.00 should the need arise.

Motion by Mr. Paul DiModica seconded by Mr. Richard Hilton and Mr. William McAtee that such is authorized. Passed by voice vote/ no nays.

XV Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before the Board

Moderator recognized Mr. Thomas Pytka. Mr. Pytka congratulated all Wardens for the management of funds and for keeping us solvent all these years.

Mr. Ernest Cimino, Moderator, presented a history of the Valley falls Fire District that is now 132 years old. Known as the Cumberland Hose Company when founded, a charter was issued on June 01, 1882 making the Valley Falls a taxing corporation. In 1887 the Broad Street fire station opened and remained the primary station until the fall of 1988 when a new station was built at 555 High Street housing the Valley Falls Fire District.

XVI Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Thomas Pytka made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. William McAtee. All in favor.

The meeting stood adjourned at 8:04pm

Recorded and respectfully submitted by Mrs. Marilyn Hilton, District Clerk

Signed this 27th day of June 2014 _____

