

At a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, holden within and for the Fire District on Monday July 7, 2014 at the fire station on 3502 Mendon Road at 7:00PM, the following were present:

Ronald Champagne, Chairman

Arthur Colwell

Robert Ballarino - absent

Donna Aguilera

Scott DiChristofero

- Chief's Report received and filed.**
- Tax Collector's report received and filed**
- Financial statement received and filed**
- Commissioner's report received and filed**

On a motion to pay bills by Donna Aguilera and Arthur Colwell, it was so voted.

On a motion to accept last month minutes by Arthur Colwell and seconded by Donna Aguilera, it was so voted.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: The Chairman stated that the merger committee wants to hold meetings every 2 weeks now because it was said that they are not accomplishing much at these meetings. The next merger meeting will be Monday, July 14, 2014.

The Chairman also stated that the merger committee talked about exemptions for the elderly and veterans. Right now CHFD gives half

of the town's exemptions and Cumberland gives full. The other two districts do not want to give exemptions once the districts merge.

Ed Yazbek has done our accounting and payroll for many years and the Chairman says he is one of the lowest paid accountants. The new committee received 3 bids for someone to do the payroll when we merge and Ed Yazbek was the lowest bid. The Chairman felt that the merger committee did not want Ed.

Scott asked about a new location for the administrative offices. The Chairman said the new committee took a vote and the offices will be here at the Cumberland Hill Fire Department building.

Scott also asked about the "super" lien that CHFD has. The state law that established the "super" lien is specific to CHFD. Scott wanted to know if we should urge the merger committee to request the General Assembly to amend the law/ change the wording on to include the merged district. The Chairman thinks the new committee would have to make that decision. The Chairman was open to suggesting it to the merger committee to make a recommendation to the new board.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chairman said that the firefighters have a successors clause in their bargaining agreement.. Ron Champagne would like to have an addendum on adding the successors clause to the contracts of the Chief, Business Manager (tax Collector) and treasurer. On a motion to approve adding the addendum on to the

contracts of Chief, Tax Collector and the Treasurer by Donna Aguilera and seconded by Arthur Colwell, it was so voted.

Motion to close meeting by Donna Aguilera and seconded by Arthur Colwell, it was so voted at 7:38PM.

District Clerk

Diane Lemire