

Annual Meeting June 9, 2015

The annual meeting of the Stone Bridge Fire District was held at the Sakonnet Bay Manor, 1215 Main Road, Tiverton, RI, on June 9, 2015, with a quorum present.

Moderator Franklin D. Raposa called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.

The Clerk certified that the Warrant was posted in accordance with District by-laws.

The Clerk read the Warrant.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported on the financial condition of the District. Cheryl Langevin of Bacon & Company, auditors for the District, reviewed the audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending 4/30/15. Mr. Bento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hussey, to accept the Treasurer's Report. So voted.

Annual Report: The Moderator reviewed District activities during the past year. Mr. Bento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Byrne, to accept the Annual Report. So voted.

Estimated Budget: The Moderator and the Treasurer reviewed the estimated budget for the fiscal year ending 4/30/16. Mr. Byrne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bento, to accept the estimated budget. So voted.

Borrowing authority: Mr. Forrest made a motion, seconded by Mr. Byrne, to authorize the Administrative Board to borrow up to \$2,000,000.00 for District treatment plant and distribution system improvements. So voted.

Amendments to District By-laws and Enabling Act:

The Clerk read a recommendation to change meeting posting requirements. The wording of Article I, Section 3, Notice of Meetings, and Article IV, Section 4, Notice of Meetings shall be replaced as follows:

1. In January of each year a listing of the dates of all regular meetings and the annual meeting for the calendar year shall be posted electronically with the Rhode Island Secretary of State. A supplemental notice, with agenda, of each regular meeting and the annual meeting shall be posted electronically with the Secretary of State a minimum of 48 hours before the meeting. Said notices shall be posted in the District office and in one other prominent location within the District at least 48 hours before the meeting. If a special meeting is called, a meeting notice and agenda shall be posted in the District and filed with the Secretary of State as soon as practicable. Supplemental notices of regular and annual meetings and special meetings will also include the date the notice was posted and the date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the meetings.

2. The Treasurer recommending changing the date of the annual meeting to assure sufficient time for the auditors to complete their

task. The Board and the auditors will determine an appropriate date.

- Mr. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Raposa, to approve the changes to the by-laws. So voted.

Tax Vote: The Clerk read the Tax Vote. Mr. Bento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hussey, to accept the Tax Vote. So voted. Mr. Bento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Byrne, to maintain the current tax rate of \$.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. So voted.

Election of Officers: Mrs. Byrne nominated the following for the Administrative Board:

Moderator for 2 years – Franklin D. Raposa

Treasurer for 2 years – Jason Mello

Tax Collector for 2 years – Joseph F. Bento III

Tax Assessor for 1 year – Timothy L. Byrne

The Moderator requested nominations from the floor; there were none. The Moderator directed the Clerk to cast one vote for the above nominations.

Mr. Bento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Byrne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter M. Forrest, Clerk