

NORTH CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2004

Opening:

The regular meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District was called to order at 7:00pm on July 21, 2004 by Chairman LeBlanc.

Present: Members Absent:

Edward LeBlanc, Chairman Brian Campbell

Paul Lindquist, Vice Chairman

Ronald Dupont

Martin Klara

Matthew Gannon

Robert Audette

John Aharonian

Others Present:

Rene Gendreau, Fire Chief

Fay Dakake, Clerk

Geraldine Dupont, Tax Collector

Daniel Hamel, Treasurer

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Treasurer's Report

Motion is made by Mr. Dupont , seconded by Mr. Audette to accept the Treasurer's Report with potential corrections.

D. Tax Collector's Report

Tax Collector Dupont's report shows the taxes collected during the month of June as well as taxes collected and deposited thru June 2004. She also stated that a tax sale would take place mid August. Motion was made by Mr. Lindquist, seconded by Mr. Klara to accept the Tax Collector's Report. All is favor. So voted.

E. Chief's Report and Monthly Expenditures

- 1. Personnel assisted Community School with their field day.**
- 2. Personnel visited a child's birthday party to benefit public relations.**

3. Department personnel participated as stand-by at the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) practical at Diamond Hill State Park along with the Town of Cumberland Emergency Management Agency.

4. National Fire Security came in and equipped the side and front door with keyless entry.

5. Captain Delisle put in a concrete pad. The water department moved the monument. A letter was written to the State Department of Transportation and pictures were included to show what we have for a sign now and what are proposal is for a new sign.

Motion was made by Mr. Gannon to accept the Chief's Report, second by Mr. Audette. All in favor. So voted.

F. Committee Reports

Financial Management, Budget, Taxes – Mr. Hamel reported the Budget had been approved.

Personnel, Labor Relations, Negotiations, Nominations – Mr. Dupont stated that the committee had met with Frank Copensky regarding the State Retirement Fund. Mr. Dupont would like to work with Mr. Campbell and Mr.Hamel so that they can make their report o the Board.

Buildings, Grounds, Apparatus, Computers –

- 1. Mr. Dupont summarized an approval letter from Mr. Johnson regarding Gutter Helmets on the School House. The Chief noted that he has the price but is waiting for revenue to come in.**
- 2. Other issues included a shed and chain link fence around the generator. The Chief was asked to prepare that information.**

Insurance – Chief Gendreau pointed out that it was not due until next year.

Public Relations - No comments.

By-Law Committee – Mr. Dupont asked that the By-laws topic be brought up under old business.

G. Old Business

By-Laws – Mr. Dupont announced that the By-Laws were accepted as approved by the voters. He will meet with the local Representative for representation in the January Committee. Copies were distributed.

Chase Vehicle Acquisition – Mr. Dupont stated that he would research information for the next meeting regarding vehicles from Narragansett Electric and Cox Cable.

H. New Business

Eligibility List – Motion is made by Mr. Lindquist, seconded by Mr. Gannon to maintain the current list until it expires and that the new

list would take effect November 1, 2004.

Business Objectives – Chairman LeBlanc presented business objective for Fiscal Year 2005 and stated they were not all inclusive. He had no comment from the Firefighters or the Union at this time. He asked for suggestions.

New Committee Assignment – Chairman LeBlanc asked the Board to let him know what committee(s) that they would like or not like to be on. He intends to present a new list at the next meeting.

I. Public Comment

Mr. Grenier read his letter and expressed his disappointment in the lack of a recent job posting inside the fire station. Chairman LeBlanc noted to take a look at the process.

J. Executive Session

Motion is made by Mr. Audette, seconded by Mr. Dupont to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Rhode Island Law 42-46-5, Sub-section 2.

Motion is made by Mr. Dupont, second by Mr. Audette to exit Executive Session all in favor. So voted.

Adjournment

Motion is made by Mr. Dupont to adjourn the meeting of the North Cumberland Fire District, second by Mr. Lindquist. All in favor. So voted.

Minutes submitted by: Fay Dakake, Clerk _____

Approved by: Edward LeBlanc, Chairman _____