

**North Cumberland Fire District
Special Meeting**

**North Cumberland Middle School
400 Nate Whipple Highway
Cumberland, RI**

Tuesday December 7, 2010

7:00 PM Meeting Call to Order

A. Meeting Call to Order

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Board appointment of Moderator**
- 5. Due Proof of Notice of Special Meeting**
- 6. Approval of minutes, June 16, 2010 Annual Meeting**
- 7. Communications**
 - a. Treasurer's Report**
 - b. Tax Collector's Report**
 - c. Chief's Report**
 - d. Status of Chief's Position**
 - e. Status of Clerk's Position**
 - f. Status of vacant Trustee position**
 - g. Status of labor contract negotiations**

h. Purpose of Special Meeting

B. Proposed By-Law Changes (Each proposed change requires passage by at least 80% majority of the Board of Trustees AND 75% majority of the members present and voting at the special meeting.)

1. Financial audit proposed wording: (This change would provide for an annual financial audit of the District's finances, unless expressly waived by members at each annual District meeting.)

Add new subparagraph (e) under Article III, Section 2:

No later than 1 July of each year the Board of Trustees will hire a certified public accountant to conduct a "review" or an "agreed upon procedures" audit of the District's previous fiscal year's financial transactions, and to provide a financial statement in accordance with generally accept accounting principles. The "review" shall be completed, and the financial statement submitted to the Board, no later than 1 October of each year, and will be posted on the District's website within 14 calendar days of receipt.

a. The cost for this financial "review" will be included as a line item in the annual District budget. If that line item expenditure is not approved at the annual meeting, the requirement for a financial review is waived.

(Re-label the current subparagraphs (e) and (f) of the By-Laws to subparagraphs (f) and (g).)

2. Annual operating budget proposed wording: (This change would require Notice to District members whenever an annual budget increase would exceed 3%, including the increase's impact on the fire district tax rate.)

Add a subparagraph (1) under Article III, Section 2.(c):

(1) Should the proposed annual operating budget of the District exceed the previous year's budget by more than 3%, the proposed budget increase and its potential impact on the fire district tax rate shall be included in the advertisements for the annual meeting required under Article III, Section 1 of these By-Laws.

3. Quorum proposed wording: (This change would increase the minimum number of members required to constitute a quorum at annual and special meeting from 30 to 50.)

Amend Article III, Section 4 to read "Fifty (50) qualified taxable inhabitants..." vice "Thirty (30) qualified taxable inhabitants...."

C. New Business

1. Non-binding resolution regarding terms of next labor contract.

2. Non-binding resolution regarding 2012 budget

D. Old Business:

1. Discussion of proposed By-Law amendment submitted at November 2010 monthly Board of Trustee meeting regarding voting rights of members.

2. Proposal to require a financial audit of 2009/2010 - 2010/2011 expenses.

3. Proposal to re-finance Engine 5.

E. Adjournment