



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 8, 2018

Present: President Ron Yuhas, Vice President Alan Ackley, Directors Randy Ackley, David King, Al Luther, Kevin Marquardt, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Aguiar, Chief Joe Winski, Deputy Chief Driscoll and Jamie Muhlack

Absent: Gale Goode, and Ron Johnson

At 7:03 p.m. President Yuhas announced the call to order with the time, date and place. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. A moment of silence and a pledge to the flag followed.

Remarks from Visitors: Robert Austin Lafrance Chairman of School building committee for Groton Board of Education requested that the Board waive the inspection/permit fees for the new middle school construction project which total approx. \$319,000.00. President Yuhas stated that if he would have known in advance that he was coming he would have had the Fire Marshal at the meeting to address this as well, and the board will discuss this later in the meeting. President Yuhas also stated that this school is for the whole town, this Fire District covers the town's government buildings, administration buildings, the schools, and our district tax payers are paying for it, for the whole town. We can give you the percentage of untaxed property we are not getting paid on. It is a Town school and the town's responsibility that money should have been budgeted in and should come out from the whole town. The cost of the permits and inspection fee is based on what the town charges; our fee is a percentage of what the town fees are. Discussion to be continued in New Business.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the meeting minutes from October 10, 2018.

Reports and Communications: –

Chief Winski's report for October 2018 was accepted for the record.

Deputy Chief Driscoll's report for October 2018 was accepted for the record.

Fire Marshall Report for October 2018 was accepted for the record.

Old Business –

Chief Winski stated that the roof work is coming along but the completion date is all dependent on the weather.

New Business –

Ron Yuhas stated that an email has been sent to Atty regarding contract negotiations.

Jamie has been in contact with the auditor already and started the audit process.

Al Luther asked how much do the fire boxes cost to maintain, Ron Yuhas stated that it was not that much and they will get the numbers to him but that the cost of removing them was very expensive. If we take the system down we have to pay to remove all the equipment and lines which is quite involved and costly.

Jamie Muhlack noted that she has stated paying the OPEB account electronically instead of writing a check. She is just trying it out to see how it works for time being.

Randy Ackley made a motion to table the discussion and vote on the middle school project permit/inspection fee waiver until next months (December 13, 2018) meeting. Al Luther seconded motion, motion passed.

Alan Ackley made a motion to pay up to Five Hundred dollars for the department Christmas party. Motion seconded by Randy Ackley, motion passed.

Good of the Department - n/a

Presentation and payment of bills – President Yuhas announced that the bills to be paid for October 2018 were \$100,797.74, they were accepted.

MOTION: At 8:11 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Aguiar, Clerk
Poquonnock Bridge Fire District